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## Portfolio

Yesterday's Portfolio competition prize of £4,000 was won by Mr J. Kinnaird of Claypole, Nottinghamshire. Portfolio list page 20. How to play, back-page Information Service.

## Greenpeace defiant on French ban

Greenpeace vowed to pursue its plan to send a "peace flotilla" to the South Pacific in protest at French nuclear tests, despite President Mitterrand's order to use force against those entering French territorial waters in the area.

## Ballot likely on GCHQ action

Civil Service union leaders are expected to decide today in favour of balloting their 500,000 white-collar members on taking industrial action in support of nine colleagues facing dismissal at GCHQ, Cheltenham.

## Matthey loan

Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group now free from its troubled banking subsidiary, has signed a \$387 million (£277 million) new financing agreement with its bankers.

## Adventure time

Two schoolboys arrived back in Dublin after staying away in a jet to New York several days after being caught on an Irish Sea ferry bound for Holyhead.

## Jungle envoys

A champagne ceremony will be held in a secret Cambodian jungle clearing next week when Prince Norodom Sihanouk will receive ambassadors from a handful of countries.

## IBA prosecution

The Independent Broadcasting Authority is asking the High Court to quash a prosecution brought against it by Mr Morris McWhirter for allegedly broadcasting a subliminal image.

## Tamil panic

The Sri Lanka talks are likely to resume later this week against a background of renewed violence and panic in Tamil areas.

## Sumrie call

The Government should publish the findings of its confidential inquiry into the affairs of Sumrie Clothing, according to Mr Derek Fatchett, Labour MP for Leeds Central.

## Rocket defused

US bomb disposal experts defused an unexploded rocket on a Belgian ship which was attacked by Iranian jets in the Gulf.

## Saxon vote

After a day-long meeting the directors of Saxon Oil voted narrowly to back a £121 million takeover from Enterprise Oil instead of their agreed merger with Charterhouse Petroleum.

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Letters: On Aids, from Mr J. K. Oates and others; housing, from the Rev Lord Sandford. Leading articles: BBC; Laker Features, pages 10-12. Churchill's prison example; Bernard Levin on dress with gloss; Whitehall's debt to Hitler. Spectrum: the Dalai Lama talks about the plight of Tibet. Fashion: families in harmony. Computer Horizons, page 21. Amstrad set to start new price war. Radio waves provide cheaper option to the phone; SDP's plans for high-tech. Obituary, page 14. Mme Marie Bell, Professor John Brown. Classified, 22-25, 28-30. Computer appointments; legal appointments.

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# BR says dispute puts thousands of jobs at risk

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Railway workers were last night given a warning that thousands of jobs could be at risk because of the growing crisis in the industry caused by the dispute which led to the cancellation yesterday of hundreds of commuter trains in British Rail's Southern Region.

A meeting this morning between leaders of the National Union of Railwaymen and British Rail takes place against the background of threats of further unofficial strikes and a challenge from Sir Robert Reid, British Rail's chairman, that the union should ballot all its members before authorizing disruption of the rail network.

A 24-hour strike called by militants at eight guards' depots on Southern Region was the union's initial response to British Rail's decision to dismiss almost 90 guards in south Wales in addition to the 147 in Glasgow who were sent dismissal notices over the weekend.

Railway workers will today start receiving a warning from Sir Robert in the latest issue of *Railways*, the industry's newspaper, in which he says there was no alternative but to "go it alone" because of the intransigence of the union leadership.

He says: "The crisis which we have now reached is the result of our failure to work hard to avoid in our industry is here. It is serious and unless we find a solution quickly, it is a real threat to jobs, particularly in the freight business."

The union is due to ballot its 11,000 guards next Thursday to seek support for a programme of industrial action to oppose the removal of guards from some passenger and freight trains but Sir Robert challenges the union to ballot all its 140,000 members because, he says, their "future prospects are at stake".

Mr Jimmy Knapp, the union's general secretary, said last night: "It is a strange sort of democracy when we are trying to run a ballot and the people who want to vote are getting the sack before they have a chance to do so."

Mr Knapp is due to meet Mr John Paletta, British Rail's managing director for personnel, this morning, when he will demand that the dismissal notices be withdrawn. He indicated last night that the union would not discuss matters related to driver-only operations while any of its members remained dismissed.

The management is likely to insist at the meeting that the union commits itself to serious discussions on the implementation of one-man trains and will refuse to discuss the principle driver-only trains on commuter services out of London's Kings Cross and on Glasgow suburban services with or without union agreement.

The union's executive will be standing by to hear a report of the meeting. It has already threatened to launch industrial

action if the dismissal notices are not withdrawn.

With services starting to return to normal this morning on Southern Region, there are rumblings of discontent in other parts of the region and union officials believe there could be unofficial walk-outs in parts of Kent later in the week unless there is some breakthrough in the national negotiations.

Last night about 100 guards at the Severn Tunnel junction depot voted to strike from midnight after the delivery of dismissal notices to guards at Margam and Llanelli in south Wales, the union claimed that the strike could have a serious effect on freight services although passenger trains are unlikely to be disrupted.

Only four of the 58 guards at Margam ignored the decision to continue the five-week strike and none of the 32 guards at Llanelli were reported to have crossed picket lines. All those who did not report for work received hand-delivered dismissal notices from British Rail.

There was again disruption of services in the Glasgow area and commuter services into Kings Cross, but by far the most serious impact of the dispute so far was on Southern Region where up to half the trains running into London Bridge and Victoria were cancelled.

Services from east Kent and south-east London were also affected but not Waterloo trains.

## Pope makes appeal for unity to Muslims

From Clifford Longley, Casablanca

The Pope received one of the most enthusiastic welcomes of his papacy last night from the Muslim youth of Morocco when the main football stadium in Casablanca erupted in delight at his arrival.

He told them Christians and Muslims had understood each other poorly in the past, but there was no sign of misunderstanding in the royal welcome King Hassan and the people had prepared for this unprecedented encounter.

Christians are outnumbered by Muslims in Morocco by about 1,000-1, yet hardly a Catholic country had greeted him as warmly. King Hassan had full state visit arrangements laid on for what was a stop on the Pope's return to Rome from Kenya. He arrived after lunch, and departed at nightfall.

He appealed to the youth of Morocco and Muslim youth everywhere to help to build a more just and peaceful world.

"You are responsible for the world of tomorrow," he said. "There are in the world cultures and races that are not respected. It is because men do not accept their differences. They do not know each other enough. They do not respect those who do not have the same civilization."

GESTURE OF PEACE: The Pope arrived here to offer what

## Vengeance blasts kill 26 in Beirut

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

It came when everyone had expected it: the revenge which Lebanon's Christians had promised for Saturday's slaughter in east Beirut, on a busy Monday morning when only civilians could be the victims.

Massive car bomb explosions in crowded Muslim suburbs of the capital yesterday killed 26 civilians and wounded 84 more in two fireballs which rose over the city within 10 minutes of each other.

But they did more than that. They also confirmed Beirut's war by car bomb, a terrifying new conflict of mass killing never in 10 years of fighting perpetrated on such a systematic, almost routine, scale.

The assumption in west Beirut that the bombs were the work of Christians was as immediate as the Christian contention on Saturday that Muslims were responsible for the explosion which killed 55 people, mainly women, in an east Beirut supermarket.

Evidence was there none, but Beirut was continue through mutual distrust.

The first of yesterday's explosions followed the pattern of Saturday's bombing. A man casually parked his car outside the Hamade restaurant in the Karakol el-Druze district, an area in which Druze, Sunni and Shia Muslims live, and a shopkeeper that he was merely buying a sandwich, and left.

In fact the restaurant was empty; pedestrians and passing motorists were to be the principal victims. When the bomb went off, the explosion

decapitated many of the people in the street and turned every car near by into an inferno. One man was to describe how he saw a motorist screaming for help as he burned to death in his vehicle.

When I reached the scene a few minutes later, at least a dozen cars were burning out of control in Algezar Street, while several women, faces streaming with blood, ran up the street in hysterics, one of them tearing her hair.

Two tiny corpses, horribly



## 200 will lose jobs in Austin Rover cutback

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Two hundred Austin Rover assembly workers are to lose their jobs and a further 740 are being transferred to the company's production at the company's Cowley and Longbridge factories to be reduced by 10 per cent.

In a series of factory meetings yesterday the management told union leaders that the cutback had been forced on them. They fear that the heavily discounted prices being used by all the leading car makers to win

a bigger share of the "C" registration market will "drag forward" sales, leading to a famine in the remaining months of the year.

At Longbridge, Metro production will be cut from 4,100 a week to 3,700. At Cowley output of Maestro and Montego models will be reduced from 2,200 to 2,025 and from 2,500 to 2,200 respectively.

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## Monoliths find a Cornish home

At The side of his bungalow near Padstow, north Cornwall, a former quarryman, Mr Ed Prynn, has constructed his own miniature Stonehenge.

Yesterday two one-ton lumps of quartzite, shipped from the Falklands, were lowered into place in his garden by crane. The stones were extracted during work on Mount Pleasant airport.

Mr Prynn wrote to the Royal Navy two years ago asking for a standing stone to be erected in tribute to those who fought in the Falklands conflict. "I thought if we brought a piece of Falklands stone home we would have captured a piece of our country's history for generations to come," he said.

## England's day in Test



Gower is congratulated by Gatting on reaching his double century (Photograph: Chris Cole)

## Ellison puts Australia on verge of defeat

Richard Ellison, with a remarkable spell of four for one in 15 balls, bowled England to the verge of victory in the fifth Test match at Edgbaston. It would appear that only the weather can save Australia from defeat. They were 37 for five at the close yesterday evening, needing a further 223 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

Ellison, an all-rounder from Kent, swung the ball and made the batsmen play. His wickets included Border, the Australian captain. Ellison's figures thus far are 5-32-4 and his match figures 10 for 79.

Earlier, England had made their highest score in a Test against Australia since 1964. Gower declared at 595 for five, a lead of 260. Gower himself made a double century and Gatting made an undefeated century, his second in succession for England.

Gatting put on 82 with Lamb before tea in 14 overs and



Ellison: winning smile

England throughout their innings scored their runs at such a quick rate that time lost to rain was soon of no consequence. Gower was able to give Australia two hours' batting in the evening.

When Wessels was missed at slip it seemed Australia's luck might have changed. But Hilditch, the vice-captain, was out to a poor shot off Botham and Ellison struck twice in his third over. At present the series stands at one win apiece.

Jeff Thomson, Australia's fast bowler, will not be disciplined for his gesture to the crowd after he had caught Botham on the boundary.

John Woodcock, page 26

## Laker deal 'pitifully inadequate'

Sir Freddie Laker began a last-ditch attempt in Jersey yesterday to block a £35 million settlement, which would put an end to Laker Airways' billion-dollar American anti-trust lawsuit.

Mr Christopher Morris, the Laker liquidator, is seeking permission to sign the deal on behalf of the company, which was registered in Jersey. But Sir Freddie claims that the settlement, which he describes as "pitifully inadequate", would rob him of the chance of receiving a substantial part of the \$1.5 billion damages he hoped to win if the anti-trust lawsuit went to trial in the United States.

The deal, which was approved on Friday in the High Court in London by Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, the Vice-Chancellor, would give payment in full to 16,000 small creditors, including ticket holders and former employees.

## Tutu boycotted by US

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The White House indirectly criticized Bishop Desmond Tutu yesterday for boycotting talks between church leaders and President Botha of South Africa. A serious resolution of South Africa's problems would not take place until leaders of all communities sat down and negotiated, it said.

"We call on South African leaders to do so without delay. A refusal by any party to meet and negotiate only worsens the prospect for understanding in South Africa," it added.

The Reagan Administration is anxious to be able to demonstrate to critics that opposing factions in South Africa have begun to negotiate, thus vindicating its beleaguered policy of "constructive engagement".

There was no indication yesterday whether President Reagan would be to a sanctions Bill that seems certain to land on his desk next month.

His readiness to accept limited punitive measures against South Africa did not appear to have had a big impact on Capital Hill yesterday.

Abuses inquiry: President Botha appeared shocked when given details of alleged abuses by the police of their powers under the state of emergency, a leading black cleric said yesterday.

The Reverend Stanley Mogob, a member of a nine-man delegation which met Mr Botha for discussions on violence and unrest in black townships, said Mr Botha had promised to appoint a magistrate to investigate the allegations.

Bishop Tutu has refused to attend the meeting, saying it would be "the miracle of the century" if anything came of it.

## Unions at BBC threaten action on MI5 vetting

By Colin Hughes

BBC unions yesterday threatened industrial action backed by further disclosures on security vetting of staff by MI5, if management fails to satisfy their wishes.

Mr Alasdair Milne, the director general, has agreed to meet union officials this Friday, when he will be challenged to promise that all vetting shall in future be "open" and above board.

The BBC board of management issued a statement yesterday which executives described as their "final position". It will probably intensify staff and union anxieties.

The statement said that "so-called vetting" was introduced at the BBC's request in 1937. Since 1945, the numbers of staff undergoing vetting had been steadily reduced, and were now "relatively few".

Security checks applied only to people "necessarily involved in sensitive areas", or who "require access to classified information".

One executive interpreted that as meaning staff who require knowledge of planning for nuclear war, when the corporation would take over sole responsibility for broadcasting, and those working at the corporation's "listening post" in Caversham, Berkshire, or behind the Iron Curtain.

The number of such posts is kept under "continuous review", the statement said, and executives aimed to reduce it further. It added: "Only the BBC decides who to appoint to any post within the corporation, or whether to invoke the vetting procedure. No external agency has a right to veto the appointment or promotion of any member of staff."

The corporation nonetheless refused to disclose how many posts were considered sensitive, or to deny allegations in *The Observer* that an MI5 officer is attached to the BBC personnel department. It also refused any comment on instances cited by the newspaper of applicants for posts being rejected after erroneous or misleading vetting.

Broadcasting unions trade clear they would not accept attempts by BBC management to play down what they called a "crisis of credibility" with *The Observer's* report coming soon after the dispute over the *Real Lives* documentary.

Mr John Foster, broadcasting organizer of the National Union of Journalists, said that officials of both the NUJ and the British Entertainment Trade Association, were "under a lot of pressure from members to provide tangible evidence of our dismay" by threatening industrial action.

Mr Vincent Hanna, the union's national executive member for broadcasting, said it was idle to pretend that some jobs did not need vetting: the union merely wanted it to be open to question, as it is in the Civil Service, so that "undercover incompetence" did not lead to people's professional lives being blighted.

He suggested that, if Mr Milne failed to provide assurances, the union would consider publicizing other recent cases on its files.

Mr Harry Conroy, general secretary elect of the NUJ, said that he was seeking an urgent meeting with Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary. Failing a satisfactory response on Friday, the unions would "immediately prepare a campaign of joint action".

One BBC executive insisted yesterday that the responsibility of Brigadier Ronald Sionhara, the former Royal Signals officer alleged by *The Observer* to be acting as a spy at the BBC, was to co-ordinate national emergency planning.

Asked why an applicant for the editor of *The Listener*, or for general reporting should need such vetting, the executive would only reply: "None of the cases in *The Observer* occur later than 1981."

Mr Michael Grade, BBC controller, told a conference in Edinburgh yesterday that he believed some full explanation and some full account of what the system should be made available to staff.

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**Former ministers deny knowledge of checks**  
By Anthony Bevin, Political Correspondent

Security service vetting of BBC appointments appears to have been undertaken without the knowledge of several post-war prime ministers and ministers responsible for broadcasting, and in breach of MI5's governing charter.

Although Whitehall has refused to make any comment, as a "security matter", a statement issued on behalf of Mr James Callaghan, the former Labour prime minister, said: "When he was home secretary nearly 20 years ago, the home secretary was not responsible for the

BBC: it was the postmaster general".

It is understood that Lord Wilson of Revalais, another former Labour prime minister, did not know that vetting was taking place.

Mr Reginald Bevins, a former Conservative postmaster general responsible for broadcasting between 1959 and 1964, said: "I have never heard of MI5 being involved in this way at all."

Lord Glenamara, formerly

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## Car industry labour relations

Weakened trade unions  
'whip away crutch'  
of poor management

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

The present weakening of trade unions had "whipped away the crutch" from British managers attempting to explain poor performance, Mr Paul Roots, labour relations director of Ford, said yesterday.

He delivered an outspoken warning that industrial legislation would need better recruitment selection and promotion of managers, along with improved employee involvement, if it was to compete with the Far East.

But he also gave warning that unions would have to "get their act together", in becoming more

representative of their ordinary members. If companies were to continue negotiating through normal union channels and retaining closed shops.

Mr Roots said: "If the trade unions have been significantly weakened by economic pressures or by industrial legislation, it has whipped away the crutch which managers have been using for the past 30 years."

He added: "The competitive pressure is bringing about a change in management. I'm not a supporter of the myth that says the British worker is a

decent chap and if it wasn't for politically-motivated shop stewards he would work his whistles off for life."

Mr Roots reaffirmed Ford's long-held antipathy towards the use of law in industrial relations but hinted strongly that it would take the 1984 Trade Union Act's strike ballot provision into account during this autumn's pay negotiations. He urged that no more labour legislation should be introduced for the time being to allow present laws to "bed down".

Ford is planning to scrap the company's 18-year-old wage structure as part of a wide-spread programme for breaking down traditional demarcation and matching pay levels to a technological revolution which Mr Roots said yesterday now meant that Ford had more robots than any other motor manufacturer in Europe.

The company has "concepts" for radical change to the five-tier system of differentials which has existed virtually unchanged since 1967. Mr Roots acknowledged yesterday that the Dagenham sewing machinists' successful claim for regarding had been "the last straw that broke the camel's back" as far as existing pay structures were concerned.

But he also admitted that the company faced conflicting pressures between representatives of assembly line workers, who are mainly in the Transport and General Workers' Union, and skilled maintenance workers represented by craft unions such as the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

The former were arguing strongly for extra payments to compensate for the boredom of assembly line work while the latter were seeking to maintain traditional differentials.

In the wake of Austin Rover's announcement to the unions of a potential 10 per cent job cut, Mr Roots made clear that Ford, which has cut its manual workforce by 37 per cent, or 20,000 since 1979, would continue to "carve a few thousand more" out of its workforce over the next few years. The company had to say to its employees it was a case of "less jobs or no jobs", Mr Roots said.

But he declined to give figures, pledging instead that the company would continue its planned programme of investment in Britain which has amounted to £1 billion since 1980 with a further £388 million in the pipeline. Mr Roots described as "absolute bloody rubbish" suggestions that Ford would follow other multinational motor manufacturers by ending as a "screw-driver" operation, merely assembling imported car components.

August car number  
change attacked

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Austin Rover lays the blame for yesterday's announcement of production cuts and redundancies squarely at the feet of the Government for refusing to scrap the annual August change in car registration plates.

The company says the system places it at a serious disadvantage compared with multinational groups such as Ford and General Motors which are able to import up to 60 per cent of their August cars without disrupting production schedules in their British factories.

It plays into their hands still further because it keeps their continental plants working in July, when they would otherwise be laid off to reduce stocks in anticipation of a sales slump in August, the most favoured European holiday month.

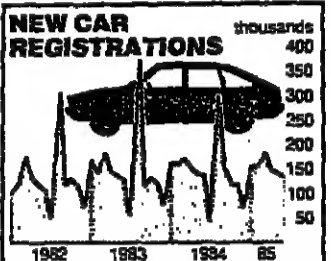
Denied the "import safety valve" enjoyed by its competitors, Austin Rover has to maintain artificially high levels of production from early in the year to ensure that its dealers have adequate supplies month by month and still have some capacity to spare to stockpile for August.

Any attempt to maintain a steady production flow throughout the year would result in sales losses in August and unacceptably high levels of unsold cars in the slack months of November and December.

With a predicted 330,000 cars being sold this month (the second highest on record), August will account for more than one in five of projected sales for the whole of this year. Austin Rover knows from past experience that it cannot make up ground lost in August in the remaining months of the year.

Another factor influencing yesterday's announcement is the fear that this year the annual August cut-price war is being waged so fiercely that sales will be pulled forward from the remainder of the year.

A sales famine in October, November and December would put Austin Rover's cash-flow position under severe pressure.



month overloads their work-shops and too many August cars are delivered in a poor condition.

The Motor Agents' Association, which represents the bulk of car dealers, welcomed the move. It said the August prefix had serious shortcomings, but on balance they wanted to retain it.

Police forces are strongly in favour of a model-year later because it helps witnesses to identify vehicles involved in crime. "If that is so," the anti-lobby says, "why is Northern Ireland the only part of the United Kingdom which does not operate a registration letter scheme?"

Government ministers have said privately that until the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), the industry's official mouthpiece, makes a majority-based demand for change they will not act.

Edinburgh  
votes to sell  
£3m assets

The Labour-controlled Edinburgh district council yesterday voted to sell £3 million of assets to meet government rate levels.

The council has bowed to the inevitable, after months of defiance, to produce savings which it claims would allow a further 5.2p cut in the city's rates.

The balanced budget would be achieved by raising £3 million from the sale of what is understood to be a city centre building site. Commercial charges would also be increased, and savings made in supplies and services to council departments.

Mr Alex Wood, the Labour group leader, warned at yesterday's council meeting that there were many battles still to be fought in the council's campaign to create jobs and maintain services.

Opposition councillors united in criticizing the Labour group for asset stripping.

Mr Trevor Jones, a former Liberal leader of Liverpool City Council said yesterday that leaving councillors will be forced to issue redundancy notices to its 30,000-strong workforce.

The city is running out of money because of councillors' failure to set a legal rate which would bring in the money the council needs to maintain services.

Sir Trevor said: "The city's treasurer has a lawful duty to issue 90-day redundancy notices when the city has no further money to pay its employees. Regardless of what the loony left tell him to do, he must go ahead and issue the notices, and sack the entire workforce."

Instead of saving jobs, their pennyless policies will force thousands onto the dole queues."

But Mr Derek Hatton, Liverpool's deputy leader, said Sir Trevor's claims were "nonsense". He denied any of the workforce would become redundant.

Union action ballot  
on GCHQ urged

By Our Labour Editor

Civil Service union leaders are expected to decide today in favour of balloting their 500,000 white-collar members on industrial action in support of nine colleagues who face dismissal at the Government Communications Headquarters in Cheltenham.

The Council of Civil Service Unions is to meet after the TUC's "inner cabinet" agreed yesterday to draw up a timetable leading to a day of action if any GCHQ employee is dismissed for trade union membership.

Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, said that any such dismissal would generate "a tremendous trade union response. Plans would now be made for a concentrated series of activities" leading to a national day of action.

Most Civil Service union leaders now favour a ballot to underpin a programme of industrial action which could extend well beyond the proposed day of protest, if they secure a convincing mandate.

The main exception to that view is the Society of Civil and Public Servants, which believes that a ballot could be counterproductive. The poll would probably take between two and three weeks to organize and

would not begin until the first dismissal notice had been received.

Union leaders believe that as well as confronting the Trade Union Act, 1984, a ballot would add moral weight to the protest campaign. It remains unclear to most union leaders whether industrial action within the Civil Service but outside GCHQ itself would fall foul of the 1982 Employment Act's provisions on secondary action.

Mr Willis said yesterday that the TUC finance and general purposes committee saw the threat to GCHQ employees as part of a "continuing and growing pattern of attack on civil liberties". The Government should pull back from triggering fresh difficulties over GCHQ, especially since the issue was still being considered by the European Commission on Human Rights.

Mr Alistair Graham, general secretary of the biggest Whitehall union, the Civil and Public Services Association, said that the fact that only 25 per cent of GCHQ staff had applied to join the "tame, employer-dominated staff federation" there showed that a majority still wanted to remain within the union.

## Compensation fight for 'guinea pig' PoWs

More than 50 former British prisoners of war intend to fight for compensation for being used as human guinea-pigs by Japanese doctors at a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp in Manchuria.

But most of the 53 survivors were working class men who could not afford to hire lawyers to put forward their case to the British and Japanese governments, their spokesman, Mr Arthur Christie, aged 64 and himself a former prisoner disclosed yesterday.

Mr Christie, who served 20 years in the Army, said the men were convinced they had a test case, with the material shown in the TV documentary about Japanese wartime atrocities.

Unit 731 - Did the Emperor Know? The film, which was broadcast throughout Britain last week, claimed that members of Unit 731, a code name for the notorious chemical and biological warfare laboratory unit based at Pingfan, Manchuria, visited the Mak Den camp, 350 miles to the north, in 1943. The film alleges that a team of Japanese doctors carried out tests on British, American and Australian prisoners.

Mr Christie was among 100 British prisoners who spent almost three years behind the wire of Mak Den, from November 1942 to September 1945. Ninety-eight British men survived, but 35 have died

since, Mr Christie said yesterday at his home in Bryncren, north Wales.

Mr Christie and Mr Jack Roberts, a retired research scientist, aged 65, from Bedford, who appeared in the film described last week how they were given injections and blood and faces tests by Japanese doctors at Mak Den.

Mr Christie says that he received 19 injections over the three years. "We were told the injections were vaccines for tuberculosis and other diseases, but we still don't know today what they were," he said.

He remembers seeing Japanese doctors removing the internal organs from the bodies of the American prisoners who

died in the first winter. "We want a full investigation by the British Government into our treatment at Mak Den. The tragedy is we know we have been forgotten at home," Mr Christie said.

Mr Christie, who retired from the Army as a sergeant, kept a diary of camp life at Mak Den. His entry on February 13 1943, records the arrival of 10 Japanese medical officers, "strangers" to the camp to investigate a large number of deaths among the American prisoners. More than 400 died during the first winter from malnutrition and the cold. Their bodies were used for research, Mr Christie said.

Major-general  
interviewed  
by the police

A senior Army officer has been interviewed by police after an alleged incident in a shop in Salisbury earlier this month.

Major General Whalley was on leave at the time and is now believed to be on sick leave.

He is director general of Army ordnance services, based at Andover, Hampshire. The Ministry of Defence said yesterday: "We are aware that General Whalley has been interviewed by the civil police in Salisbury. It is a matter for the police."

The police refused to comment, but it is understood that General Whalley has not been charged with any offence. Aged 55, he is due to retire from the Army later this year.

He was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath in the Queen's Birthday Honours this year.

Scottish schools  
face three days  
of strikes

Scotland's schools face three days of strikes by the country's second-largest teaching union next week.

The Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association said in Edinburgh yesterday that it was calling out its 7,500 members.

The action will affect schools in Glasgow, Lanark, Tayside and Central Region on Tuesday, Ayr, Dumfries and Galloway, Grampian and Lothian on Wednesday, and Renfrew, Dumfries, Argyll, Highlands and Islands, Fife and the Borders on Thursday.

Mr Donald Halliday, SSTA president, said that the association was normally moderate, but as it entered the second year of the dispute it had decided to demonstrate to the Secretary of State for Scotland that there was a great determination to continue action and toughen it.

Hospitals face strikes  
over privatization

Privatization of hospital services in the North of England could lead to industrial action involving 40,000 workers, health unions say.

The National Union of Public Employees (Nupe) and the Confederation of Health Service Employees (Cohse) in the region have been involved in disputes with health authorities seeking private tenders for cleaning.

Sunderland Health Authority decided to retain its cleaning service at 14 health centres, but was overruled by the regional health authority. A contract was awarded to ICC, a London firm.

Sixty cleaners went on strike and are being supported by 100 catering staff at two hospitals, leaving the feeding of patients to the management.

Mr Jonathan Upton, Nupe's regional officer, said yesterday that the Sunderland dispute could become a rallying point. His union intended to spread support for the strike throughout its 20,000 health service members in the region.

"Members elsewhere in the North realize their jobs could be under threat and it is very likely this could turn into a war of attrition," he said.

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From Tim Jones, Belfast

Hard-line "loyalists" who forced five police families to flee their homes in the "Orange citadel" of Portadown were condemned yesterday as "scum" by Unionist politicians who appealed for them to "cease doing the work of the IRA".

The police are becoming increasingly concerned by the growing alienation between themselves and working class Protestants which has occurred since traditional marches were routed away from Roman Catholic areas last month.

Seventeen police officers have been forced to leave their homes, according to some sources, amid allegations, strenuously denied at official level, that the re-routing of the marches was part of a strategy designed to assist a successful outcome to Anglo-Irish talks.

Police officers said that the families of three officers and the parents of two others had been forced to flee in Portadown after threat, verbal abuse and intimidation by some neighbours, agitators and others.

A police statement added: "While most of the police officers were on duty, parents, young wives and children aged between twelve and two were at home being attacked."

A police Land Rover which went to the estate to give protection was petrol-bombed. A crowd of women and children stood jeering as a transporter van arrived to pick up the families and their belongings.

Mr James Molyneux, leader of the Official Unionists, condemned the attacks. He said some of the blame for the situation had to be taken by Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, who had taken a bad political decision despite warnings from politicians.

"It was a blood sacrifice ordered by the Northern Ireland Office to demonstrate that we could screw Protestants just as well as they could screw Catholics," he said.

His colleague, Mr Robert McCartney, QC, an assemblyman, said the attackers were "scum who should be brought to justice".

The Northern Ireland Police Federation, which represents about 12,000 officers, has expressed "grave concern" over the situation and has requested an early meeting with Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Radical proposals by the Social Democratic and Labour Party to reverse the "alienation" of the people of Northern Ireland from the legal process were dismissed by Unionists.

Mr McCartney said that they were "merely a rehash of every gripe, cry and moan that has traditionally been raised by nationalists".

Mr Seamus Mallon, SDLP deputy leader, maintained that all people in the province would benefit if the proposals were adopted.

Such a hope, however, is unlikely to be fulfilled, for the party wants the removal of symbols which are cherished by Unionists as being fundamental to the constitutional link with Britain.

Specifically, the SDLP, which represents most nationalists, wants the name of the Royal Ulster Constabulary changed, the dropping of the phrase "God Save the Queen" by judges' installments in the courts and crown courts to be given another name.

Copyright  
dilemma of  
inverted  
sonata

By Robin Young

Musical copyright experts in London were puzzling yesterday over whether the estate of the American composer Charles Ives might have a case for breach of copyright against a Hungarian composer whose new piano sonata, premiered in London on Sunday night, appears largely to be Ives's Concord sonata turned upside down and back to front.

Miss Lesley Bray, public affairs director of the Performing Rights Society, said: "We will not accept arrangements or copyright work because of the risk of breach of copyright if it is undertaken without the original composer's consent."

"But it is a very complex matter as to when something has been so extensively about that it can reasonably be claimed to be a new work."

The Hungarian composer, Laszlo Sary, has remained silent on the matter.

Alan Feinberg, the American pianist who gave the piece its premiere performance at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, prefaced his performance with an explanation that the score "is the Concord cut up into several lines which are then turned upside down and pasted together, some of them not in order."

Charles Ives, who died in 1954, was a member of Broadcast Music Inc., one of three "performing rights" societies in the United States.

Broadcast Music Inc.'s London representatives, Mr Bob Musel, was considering the situation last night.

Blue pay phones  
to be modified

British Telecom is modifying its new blue pay telephones in response to complaints. By next spring, users will be able to make reverse charge calls without hearing a constant beep.

They will also be able to contact the operator or directory of inquiries even if the payphone is full of money.

Businessman  
fined for hoax

Basil Barnett Adams, aged 56, a Norwich-based businessman, was fined £500 with £40 costs by magistrates at Great Yarmouth yesterday after he admitted making a hoax telephone call during a bomb alert on July 1.

Adams, of Wroxham, Norfolk, told the police that an explosive device had been planted at the Pleasurewood Hills park at Lowestoft.

Pledge over pop  
group's papers

Big Country - the Scottish pop group, took their former financial adviser to the High Court in London yesterday for allegedly failing to hand over royalty statements, tour accounts and other documents belonging to the group.

Mr Keith Moore, a London-based accountant, who was dismissed by the group in March, gave an undertaking to Mr Justice Scott to deliver the material no later than Thursday afternoon, which was accepted.

Developer 'dug  
up graveyard'

A developer dug up graves in a disused churchyard, piling human bones in a spoil heap and allowing tombstones to be broken up and used as hardcore, a High Court judge was told yesterday.

Mr Justice Scott granted an application by the Church Commissioners forbidding Mr Richard Hockey, who wants to convert the building into a craft centre, from disturbing any further remains, at St Michael and All Angels Church, Berchingham, Colchester, Essex.

Nuclear plant  
protest call

Anti-nuclear groups are to mount a national campaign against plans to establish a fast reactor fuel reprocessing plant at Dounreay, in Caithness, northern Scotland.

Delegates from the groups, who met in Inverness at the weekend, propose to lobby MPs and trade unions.

## Wasp crash

A four-vehicle crash was caused yesterday by a wasp which stung Mr Matthew Spooner, of Chester Road, Streetley, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. He swerved after being stung on the face on the A39 at Holford, near Bridgewater, Somerset.

## Aids death

A man aged 36 has died from Aids at the West Norwich hospital in Norfolk. Mr Martin Ottaway, who had been in isolation at the hospital for three months, was the county's first Aids victim.

## House blast

A man aged 60 was taken to hospital with serious burns after an explosion demolished a house in Woolfs Heath, Hutton, Merseyside, yesterday afternoon. Gas board officials were investigating last night.



Philip Andrew and Jane Carey, who create ponds (Photograph: Chris Harris).

## Self-employed: 2

## Jobless find new needs to fill

Bladesstock Publications on Brixton Hill is a thriving wholesale book import company set up by a Jamaican-born author, Ivor Osbourne.

The company's rapid expansion over the past six months has meant jobs for seven young Brixton people and encouraged others on the road to self-employment.

Mr Osbourne, aged 33, said in his new showrooms.

After living in London and the Caribbean earning a living as a writer, he decided to branch out on his own. "There was a big gap in the London book market and I knew I could form the company to bridge it," he said.

His company imports books from Third World countries, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific about cultural and political issues of interest to Britain's growing ethnic minority communities.

"I realized that 20 per cent of the population of London originates from Third World countries and other countries, and I knew they couldn't get many of the books they were interested in in many London bookshops."

With a £5,000 investment he and a partner joined the government's enterprise allowance scheme in March and now import books covering issues such as the Australian Aborigines, the American Indians and African tribal cultures. The main office has expanded into a showroom complex and library, as well as a large warehouse.

A long way from the publishing world is a fresh water pond company in Upper Norwood.

Philip Andrew, aged 33, a biologist, and his partner, Jane Carey, aged 22, a zoologist, design, construct, maintain and

stock fresh water ponds throughout Britain. Called The Pondlife Company, they believe they are the only team in the country building and stocking fresh water ponds.

The idea was an accident, according to Mr Andrew. "We designed and built a pond for a doctor in Wimbledon during the last year of our university studies. Suddenly the idea took off, and after seven fruitless months hunting for jobs we formed the company."

"We decided to pool our knowledge about plants and animals, so the idea of building a pond, extends to maintaining life within it," he said.

Their ponds incorporate rockeries, fountains and marshes. Herbal, floral and fauna societies are consulted for advice on plants.

They borrowed the £1,000 needed to join the enterprise allowance scheme from Mr Andrew's parents and a £1,500 overdraft provided the rest of the capital to set up the company.

"The first few months were very difficult because we had to advertise for clients around the country. These some of them came in," Mr Andrew said.

In the next few weeks they will embark on their most ambitious project, a pond for frogs and newts on a reserve in Dulwich. Early next year they have been hired to drain two bomb-craters on a property near Maidstone and convert them to ponds.

The Brixton Enterprise Centre, which opened last October, has catered for 140 firms and small businesses which started in the area this year.

"Self-employment has really taken off here. People are fed up with being on the dole," Miss Katy Swan, a spokeswoman for the centre said. Many young people between the ages of 21 and the mid-30s, had approached the centre for advice. Sponsored by grants from Lambeth council and a private company, it also gives advice on business grants.

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Major-general  
interviewed  
by the police

A senior Army officer has been interviewed by police after an alleged incident in a shop in Salisbury earlier this month.

Major General Whalley was on leave at the time and is now believed to be on sick leave.

He is director general of Army ordnance services, based at Andover, Hampshire. The Ministry of Defence said yesterday: "We are aware that General Whalley has been interviewed by the civil police in Salisbury. It is a matter for the police."

The police refused to comment, but it is understood that General Whalley has not been charged with any offence. Aged 55, he is due to retire from the Army later this year.

He was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath in the Queen's Birthday Honours this year.

Scottish schools  
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of strikes

Scotland's schools face three days of strikes by the country's second-largest teaching union next week.

The Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association said in Edinburgh yesterday that it was calling out its 7,500 members.

The action will affect schools in Glasgow, Lanark, Tayside and Central Region on Tuesday, Ayr, Dumfries and Galloway, Grampian and Lothian on Wednesday, and Renfrew, Dumfries, Argyll, Highlands and Islands, Fife and the Borders on Thursday.

Mr Donald Halliday, SSTA president, said that the association was normally moderate, but as it entered the second year of the dispute it had decided to demonstrate to the Secretary of State for Scotland that there was a great determination to continue action and toughen it.

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## IBA seeks High Court ruling on 'subliminal flash' case

By Patricia Clough

The Independent Broadcasting Authority is asking the High Court to quash a prosecution brought against it by Mr Norris McWhirter for allegedly broadcasting a subliminal image, it was announced yesterday.

A picture of Mr McWhirter's face, a nude female body was allegedly flashed on the nation's screens for 0.24 of a second during the puppet show *Spitting Image* last year.

Mr McWhirter, chairman of the Freedom Association, has taken out a summons against Mr John Whitney, the IBA director-general, for breach of statutory duty in failing to prevent it.

When the case opened at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court in London yesterday it was immediately postponed until September 30 after Mr David Kemp, QC, for the defence, said he had started proceedings for a judicial review in the High Court.

"The review will seek to quash the summons and seek

the prohibition of further matters", he said. Later he explained that he wanted the High Court to rule that the alleged offence was "not a crime".

Mr McWhirter, who is also editor of *The Guinness Book of Records*, said afterwards that he was disappointed that the case had not gone ahead. "The IBA's action has stopped the whole story being told in a public court", he said.

Mr McWhirter made clear that he considers it a test case. "While this is a quasi-comedy situation, it would be very much more sinister if a different message was broadcast in a different situation", he said.

He said he also intended to take separate action over video tapes of the programme, complete with the flash, which he said were not subject to the law banning subliminal messages, while the programme itself was.

The tape is on sale to the public. Mr McWhirter claimed that he had received information about a subliminal message allegedly broadcast by the BBC.

A young woman viewer had reported it to him and would shortly be providing him with a video tape documenting it. He did not know which programme was involved. "I expect we will be hearing of other instances from viewers", he added.

The BBC is not bound by the Broadcasting Act, 1981, which forbids brief images that could influence the minds of viewers without their being fully aware of what is happening. But its royal charter and Home Office licensing regulations prevent it from doing so. A BBC spokesman yesterday denied that any such messages had been broadcast.

## Cable TV jobs lost as viewers switch off

By Robin Young

The board of Greenwich Cable Communications announced yesterday that it had been obliged to make redundant 14 employees, half the workforce of its subsidiary, Greenwich Cablevision.

The company blamed "a continuing and substantial loss of subscribers during the spring and summer months".

Mr Maurice Townsend, the chairman and chief executive, said that his company's losses were "broadly in line" with those suffered by the whole of the cable television industry.

Greenwich Cablevision has been supplying the new satellite cable television services in its area of south-east London since November last year.

Mr Townsend blamed the broadcasting services for the public's loss of interest. "It is my belief that the programmes have not put together a package of programmes that the viewers are willing to pay for", he said. "I have been telling them for months that we are not selling technology. We are selling programmes."

"At present, the only thing that people seem to like are the movies, but I am hopeful that the new services being launched in October and November will attract the subscribers back."

Greenwich Cable Communications is seeking "further substantial investment" and hopes to make a statement by early next month. Meanwhile, Mr Townsend says most of those made redundant have been able to find new jobs with more recently established cable television operators.

"We have been victims of timing", Mr Townsend said. "We have always been at the sharp end, and new companies coming in now with better programming have every chance of succeeding without meeting the troubles we have faced."



The first sheep fair and auction to be held on Marlborough Common, Wiltshire, since 1969 took place yesterday. It is hoped to reinstate it as an annual event (Photograph: Warren Harrison).

## Jury clears man on life support machine

A man lying critically ill attached to a life support machine after a weekend road crash was cleared yesterday of charges of assault on three policemen.

Gloucester Crown Court began hearing three charges of assault causing actual bodily harm against David Slender, aged 23, of Hesters Way, Cheltenham, on Friday.

Within 24 hours of the trial's being adjourned for the weekend, Slender suffered serious head injuries when his 500cc motor cycle crashed into a lamp post in Charlton Kings, Cheltenham.

The court was told yesterday that his condition was "still very ill" in an intensive care unit.

However, Mr David Woolley, QC, the Recorder, decided to complete the trial. "I have decided - and it is entirely my responsibility and no one else's - that he will not be prejudiced in his defence to the charges against him if I sum up to you and take your verdict", Mr Woolley said.

Twenty-eight minutes after sending the jury out to consider its verdict, Slender was found not guilty of assaulting three police constables in the cells at Cheltenham police station.

The Recorder discharged the jury and adjourned sentence indefinitely on a charge of stealing scrap metal, which Slender had admitted.

During the trial the prosecution alleged that after being arrested for theft Slender, who weighs 17 stone, went berserk in the police cells and attacked seven officers, injuring three of them.

## Man shunts stroke victim's car to a halt

A quick-thinking driver has been praised by police officers after he averted a road smash by using his own car as a buffer. Mr Roy Phillips, aged 46, a service engineer with a chain of electrical stores, was driving home to Oxford when he saw the car in front of him weaving dangerously across the road.

He overtook and placed his own car in front of the out-of-control vehicle, braking gently and allowing it to hit the rear of his car as he managed to bring it to a halt. The incident began when the driver of the other car, Mr Jack Calderwood, aged 66, suffered a stroke at the wheel as he was driving along the A40 near Oxford.

His wife Audrey, aged 60, wrestled with the steering wheel of the automatic car and managed to steer along the middle white line of the busy road while angry drivers, unaware of what was happening, overtook her on both sides, waving their fists and swearing.

"It was travelling at about 45 mph and I just knew I had to do something to help the distressed woman stop the car," Mr Phillips of Wren Road, Oxford, said.

"As I pulled alongside, I could see the husband slumped over the wheel. His wife was frantically trying to steer the car. She looked frightened to death."

"I opened my window and indicated to her that I would pull in front and try to stop the car. She managed to control the car and bumped the back of my car as I braked gently and brought both cars to a halt. It was an immediate reaction."

Neither car was damaged. A police spokesman said: "Undoubtedly Mr Phillips's sensible action saved lives. There could have been a terrible multiple pile-up if he had not been able to stop the runaway car."

Mr Calderwood, from the Isle of Man, was taken to hospital but died a few hours later.

## Rain delays motorway completion

Bad weather has dashed hopes that the M25 London orbital motorway might be completed by next week's Bank Holiday, the Department of Transport said yesterday.

Although the completion date for the last 4.5-mile section, between Reigate and Leatherhead, Surrey, was August 26, it had been hoped that the contractors might finish early. The Leatherhead interchange has been ready since last summer, eight months early, and the 4.2-mile Leatherhead-Wisley stretch was completed two months early, last June.

The new completion date is September 1, although if the work is finished earlier the road will be opened immediately.

## Safety summons for West Ham

The GLC served a summons yesterday on West Ham football club for alleged infringement of safety certificates under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act, 1975.

The case will be heard at Stratford Magistrates' Court, London, on September 11.

It is alleged that at a home match against Liverpool at Upton Park on May 21, attended by 22,000 people, there were not enough stewards at certain gates, several stewards were not readily identifiable, the steward manning the control room was not aware of emergency evacuation procedure, no stewards were located at a key point in the stand, and a corridor was obstructed.

## Gibraltar for £89

Scheduled flights between Gatwick Airport, London, and Gibraltar will be started on November 1 by Air Europe with fares from £89 return, the airline said yesterday.

## 'Fake bills hid theft of Rolls parts'

For almost five years three companies dealt in gas turbine parts stolen from the Rolls-Royce Marine Division plant at Ansey in Warwickshire, Warwick Crown Court was told yesterday.

The companies obtained false invoices to cover up the fact that the parts, worth several hundred thousand pounds, had been stolen. Mr David Farrer, for the prosecution, said.

Hugh Ferdinand, aged 46, a commercial agent, is alleged to have provided false invoices and laundered cheques worth £400,000. He has denied eight charges of false accounting and one of forgery.

Mr Farrer said that the nine charges were samples to cover a total of 41 offences of forgery and false accounting between 1978 and 1984 in which Mr Ferdinand "producing bogus invoices to record the imaginary sales of gas turbine components to the three companies."

The companies, Skytrade International, GBM Trading and TC Technical Services, were involved on a large scale in dealing with parts stolen from the Rolls-Royce plant, he said.

Although there was no evidence that Mr Ferdinand, whose address is given as Switzerland, knew of the stolen parts, he knew the purpose of his actions was dishonest and took a cut of about 20% from each cheque he laundered, the court was told.

He is said to have issued the bogus invoices listing items which matched those stolen from Rolls-Royce, giving the companies the paperwork which appeared to show how they came by the stolen parts.

He then received cheques which he cashed, took his share, and gave the rest back to the companies.

Some of the money was used to pay the thieves, while the rest went into the pockets of those involved with the companies, Mr Farrer added.

Mr Farrer said that in an interview with police Ferdinand admitted that he had not supplied the parts detailed on the invoices.

The trial continues today.

## Britain jails most in W Europe

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

More people go to prison in the United Kingdom than in other West European countries, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro) said yesterday.

The United Kingdom tops the league both in absolute numbers and relative to its population. In this country, 274 people were jailed for each 100,000 in the population, with Belgium (212) second.

Twice as many people are jailed proportionate to population in this country as in France and nearly four times as many as in Portugal.

Readiness to jail offenders has increased in the United Kingdom over the past decade. The proportion of adult males convicted of indictable offences in England and Wales who were imprisoned rose from 16 per cent in 1973 to 20 per cent in 1983.

A briefing paper by the association reports that fewer than one in five of those imprisoned in this country have committed crimes involving violence, sexual offences or robbery.

The figures are: violent offences, 11,940; sexual offences, 1,522; robbery, 2,311; burglary, 23,419; theft, handling, fraud and forgery, 30,163.

IMPRISONMENT			
Country	Population (millions)	No. imprisoned (1983)	No. imprisoned per 100,000
UK	55.5	152,248	274
Belgium	10	21,200	212
France	54	128,848	238
Italy	54	128,848	238
West Germany	63	128,848	203
Spain	37	59,700	161
Portugal	10	7,282	73

## House prices levelling out, estate agents say

House prices during the last quarter have levelled out according to a survey carried out by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Fifty nine per cent of the 234 estate agents taking part in the survey reported no change in prices for the quarter ended in July. That was 15 per cent higher than the figure for 1983.

"It would be untrue to say that house prices have stagnated, they have merely reached a midsummer plateau. Prices levelled off earlier this year because of higher interest rates, but we are confident that prices will increase in August and September," said a RICS spokesman.

The survey showed that more than one third of agents experienced price rises of 2 to 5 per cent, with modernized terrace houses and lower priced semi-detached homes selling well in the East Midlands.

The report outlined a sustained demand for character country properties with land, as well as quality "executive" homes in the South-east. This category of home has become significantly more in demand after a 1.25 per cent fall on interest rates and the possibility of a further fall in September.

## More solar heating urged

By Charles Kneivitt, Architecture Correspondent

Energy bills can be cut by a third or more when "passive" solar heating and ventilation are taken into account in design, according to a publication issued jointly by the British and United States departments of energy.

Mr David Hunt, Minister for Renewable Energy Sources, commending the booklet to architects and builders, said: "The message for everybody involved in commissioning, designing or constructing a building is simple - build in the sun. Even in this country, on the cloudiest days, homes can be warmer."

The booklet summarizes the conclusion reached at a workshop organized by the Department of Energy at Newbury, Berkshire, last year.

Passive Solar Design Distribution Unit, Room 1312, Department of Energy, Thames House South, Millbank, London SW1P 4JQ; (free).

## Youths forced to do press-ups by gang on train

Four youths, all in council care, terrorized and robbed two teenagers who were passengers on a late-night train to Brighton.

Michael Kyte and his friend David Mills, both aged 17, of Polegate, near Eastbourne, were robbed at knifepoint and later forced off the train into a deserted waiting room at Lewes station where they were "virtually tortured".

At Inner London Crown Court, Mr Richard Carr, for the prosecution, said: "At first they were ordered to do... press-ups and told the winner would be released. But as they lay on the floor one of them had his hand stamped on by one of the gang and was repeatedly kicked in the groin."

"The second victim was spat on and forced to spread open his fingers while the gang leader stabbed a knife between them."

On the train, they also stole £5 from Mr Timothy Taylor, aged 20, a sales assistant, of Eastbourne.

The gang were arrested when they arrived at Brighton.

The youths, aged 16 and 17, who admitted the robberies, were sentenced to between three years' detention and 12 months' youth custody.

## Stowaways home after US trip

Two schoolboys were back in Dublin yesterday after crossing the Atlantic in the second of two stowaway adventures in a week.

Noel Murray, aged 13, and Keith Byrne, aged 10, were discovered at Kennedy International Airport, New York, after an illicit journey to the United States through London.

They were visited with their parents at Dublin airport, yesterday morning.

The boys, from Coolock, Dublin, had been caught several days earlier on board an Irish Sea car ferry as it headed for Holyhead in north Wales.

They were returned to their homes, but made another attempt within 24 hours to get to London, again using the car ferry, and reached Heathrow Airport.

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Helicopter fuel systems should be better protected from rupturing during a crash, an accident report published yesterday said.

The report came after an inquiry into the crash of a Puma helicopter at Aberdeen airport in which two members of the crew survived only to die from asphyxiation when the fuel system broke and ignited.

"The impact was survivable, but fire caused the death of both pilots", the report by the Department of Transport's accident investigation branch said.

The accident, on October 10, 1982, happened during a training flight by the French-built helicopter, operated by Bristol Helicopters. The crew on board were carrying out practice take-offs with one of the helicopter's two engines shut down, a procedure designed to give pilots experience of coping with an emergency engine failure.

But during the practice the single engine the crew were relying on failed. The cause of the failure could not be established.

There was insufficient time for the crew to recover by using the second engine and a heavy collision with the ground was inevitable, the report added.

The accident report asked the Civil Aviation Authority to review the "crash worthiness" of fuel systems on public transport helicopters and to try to improve future designs.

## Low prices put Liverpool at centre of heroin trade

Liverpool, centre of a worsening drugs crisis, is being used as a heroin "cash-and-carry" by dealers from the Irish Republic, Scotland, London and the North-east, according to the Merseyside police.

Drug squad detectives are investigating reports that Dublin dealers are catching Irish Sea ferries to shop for heroin in the North-west, where the drug's street price is the lowest in Britain.

It can be bought for as little as £40 a gramme.

Heroin sells for well over £150 a gramme in Dublin so it's no surprise the dealers are coming to Liverpool to buy it. They're making a killing," Inspector Russ Welsh, of the Merseyside police drugs squad, said.

"We know it's going on. The ferries are subjected to checks

by the port police but we can't turn every one upside down."

Mr Alan Parry, drugs training officer for the Merseyside Regional Health Authority said: "It's cheap in Liverpool because there are so many people willing to buy and sell so they can make money to improve their low standard of living."

"They don't just come from Dublin. We've had cases involving people from the Isle of Man, Scotland, Newcastle, Middlesbrough, London - all over."

Mr David Alton, Liberal MP for Liverpool Mossley Hill, said: "The city is becoming the heroin hypermarket of the drugs world."

Mr Alton is one of the sponsors of a Bill which will soon make life prison sentences mandatory for heroin dealers.

## Guinness to woo young

Guinness, the drinks group, is to spend £6.5million in a campaign to gain a bigger share of the beer market.

The group - which is already engaged in a £360million takeover battle for Arthur Bell, the Scotch whisky group - yesterday launched an advertising campaign to help to raise its market share.

The new theme recalls earlier Guinness campaigns which emphasized the virtues to be gained from the drink.

The latest campaign, devised by the advertising agency Ogilvy and Mather, focuses on the word "genius", emphasizing the skill of the makers and the

attributes of the discerning drinker.

It is being launched with two commercials, a combination of location shots in the south-west of the Irish Republic, and sequences involving specially constructed sets.

Guinness hopes to attract younger customers to its product, and to help sales which, partly because of the earlier "Guinness" campaign, are showing a 7 per cent increase in a generally stagnant beer market.

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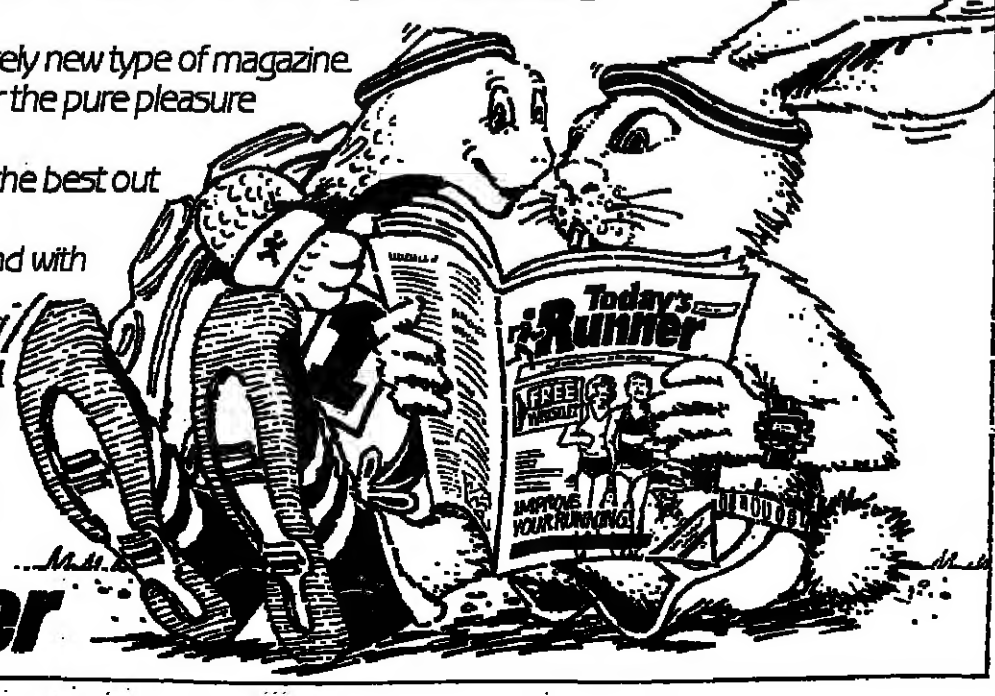
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## Sri Lanka talks expected to resume despite Tamil delay

From Richard Ford, Colombo

The talks aimed at settling Sri Lanka's communal strife are expected to resume later this week despite the departure yesterday from Thimpu of several Tamil representatives.

They are returning to Madras, the militant group headquarters, for consultations, but Indian diplomats confidently expect them to back in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan on Thursday.

After further alleged violation of the ceasefire in Sri Lanka, the Government withdrew its security forces from the northern and eastern provinces and outlined its proposals for granting autonomy to Tamils.

Although the Colombo delegation led by Mr Hector Jayewardene, President's brother, was still in Thimpu last night it would not be surprising if some representatives returned here for consultations about the future of the talks which appear close to breakdown.

Meanwhile, in Sri Lanka, the Japanese Embassy is seeking clarification from the Government about an incident at Pottuvil, 30 miles south of Batticaloa, in which a Japanese citizen was shot dead by police at a road checkpoint.

Yuji Takehira, aged 27, was in the rear seat of a car in which he was travelling with two friends when he was shot.

A post mortem examination has been delayed while the Japanese Government waits its own expert's arrival. The men in the car when the shooting occurred are being questioned by police.

Amid further reports of violence on the island, the

Government has put all security forces on alert and extended the state of emergency introduced in 1983.

The latest incident allegedly occurred near Trincomalee when Tamil guerrillas kidnapped 10 Sinhalese after hijacking their van. According to the Government all 10 are now dead.

● **Civilians killed:** Twenty-nine civilians, including 18 Sinhalese and 11 Tamils, were killed in two villages in the Trincomalee district in the Eastern Province on Sunday, security sources said (Vijitha Yapa writes).

About 25 Tamil separatist guerrillas arrived in the village of Namalawatte and told the villagers to evacuate the area immediately. The guerrillas shot 18 people before leaving, the sources said.

In a separate incident, 11 Tamils were killed by unknown gunmen in a village named Division 5.

Government sources said that refugees from the violence were flocking to camps, while at Vamankadawela, the nearest hospital to the villages, many of the staff had gone on leave, fearing for their lives. The sources said that eye diseases and diarrhoea were spreading in the refugee camps.

Meanwhile people fleeing from violence in Vavuniya in the Northern Province continued to arrive in Jaffna in the north and Anuradhapura in the North Central Province.

The assistant director of social services said that up to Sunday, 2,555 people had arrived in Anuradhapura.

## Thousands flee to makeshift camps

Trincomalee, Sri Lanka (Reuters) - Tamil refugees poured into makeshift camps yesterday as the latest ethnic bloodshed created panic in parts of northern and eastern Sri Lanka.

Around the north-eastern coastal town of Trincomalee, families carrying suitcases crowded onto bullock carts, tractor trailers and trucks packed with personal belongings. Officials said about 22,000 refugees were crammed into schools, hotels and a church.

In one incident, residents said troops or government militia came through the village of Thuvankadu on Saturday shooting wildly and tossing about 10 grenades. Twelve people were killed.

At another nearby village, residents said a post office was set on fire and cattle shot dead by security forces after a mine planted on the road exploded under a military vehicle.

The bloodshed around Trincomalee, where the Govern-

ment reported Tamil gunmen shot dead 37 fishermen last week, has caused an exodus of Tamils living in mixed areas towards Tamil strongholds.

The violence is part of an upsurge in clashes between separatist Tamil guerrillas and security forces, who are mostly from the majority Sinhalese community.

Around Nilaveli, some 10 miles from Trincomalee, there are now eight official refugee camps. Beachside hotels, closed because of the unrest, have been turned into shelters. A local official said the Government was providing milk and rice.

"But we still do not have enough", he said. At Athimedu school outside Trincomalee, officials said they were housing 491 refugees, mostly young children, after their homes were burned and 12 people killed in renewed violence over the weekend.

Relatives of those killed in Thuvankadu said prayers at the victims' burial yesterday.

## Bogus identity theory on missing Bonn aide

Bonn (Reuters) - A West German spokesman said yesterday it was suspected that the Economics Minister, Herr Oetzel, was a different person from the woman who had earlier lived in the country with the same personal documents.

The spokesman, Herr Friedhelm Ost, said police were probing evidence that the woman who worked for Herr Bangemann under the name of Sonja Lueneburg had assumed the identity of another person before settling in West Germany in 1960.

Miss Lueneburg, aged 60, vanished two weeks ago and state prosecutors said they suspected her of espionage after finding equipment in her home which could have been used to photograph documents.

"The Government has been

informed there are suspicions that there was an identity switch", Herr Oetzel said.

Miss Lueneburg worked for Herr Bangemann for 12 years, West German newspapers said if she was an East German agent it would be one of the biggest spy scandals in the country's history.

Herr Ost said the police hunt would focus on indications that the Sonja Lueneburg who moved to West Germany from Colmar in France in the 1960s was a different person from the woman who had earlier lived in the country with the same personal documents.

He said there was still no firm evidence that Miss Lueneburg had been a spy but security sources said suspicions against her were hardening.



Police using lathis to disperse Buddhist monks and Delhi residents protesting about the demolition of 300 homes by city authorities. Police fired in the air and used tear gas to disperse slum dwellers who attacked demolition workers.

## Peace reigns in a land of plenty Uganda's Army melts away

From Richard Dowden, Kisumu, Uganda

Peace is not a word one associates with Uganda, but this must be one of the most peaceful places in the country, if not the African continent.

To the south, along the Rwanda border, a purple line of 14 volcanoes capped by cloud shoots up abruptly, their slopes the home of the reclusive pygmy people.

Here the Bafumbira and the Bakiga people further north follow their own way and do not talk politics. They are great traffickers, masters of Masaka, the art of illicit cross-border trading. With Zaire and Rwanda as close and the same tribes living on both sides of the borders, this is a rich land.

Roadblocks, looting soldiers and tribal conflicts seem far away. It is protected by its inaccessibility.

From Kampala to here there were only three roadblocks, only one of them manned by soldiers. In the capital soldiers are still stealing from travellers and at night are nervous and trigger-happy.

The Ugandan Army in the south-west has simply melted away. The guerrillas of Mr Yoweri Museveni's National Resistance Army, have gradually moved from what is now their capital, Fort Portal, 200 miles west of Kampala, making direct agreements with the local guerrillas.

No one seems to know what the agreements are, but at

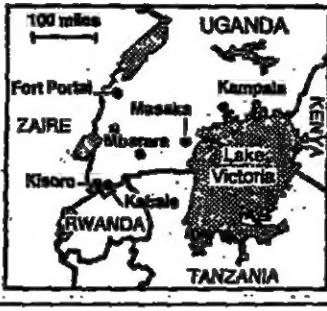
Mbarara, the headquarters of the Uganda Army Western Command, last week they dismantled the garrison and locked up their guns.

At Kasese 500 of the 800-strong garrison took off for home and the remaining 300 are operating under restrictions from the guerrillas.

A convoy of vehicles has been touring the area. Last week it held a rally at Kobale, the provincial capital, and have held other rallies elsewhere but it has not yet reached Masaka, 80 miles south of Kampala where the road from the west meets the road from the south.

Mr Museveni's followers there may not consider Masaka, still severely damaged by fighting in 1979, to be worth taking though there may be as few as 20 Uganda Army soldiers left there.

Mr Museveni's men and women are armed, possess two-way radios and have replenished their scanty stocks of ammunition from the garrison.



## The pressures mount on Pretoria

### ANC plea on black's execution

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

A last-minute appeal has been made to President Botha of South Africa to reprieve a black man due to be hanged tomorrow for the murder of a security policeman.

The banned African National Congress (ANC) yesterday reissued a statement first made in November 1983, that Benjamin Molefe, aged 30, had nothing to do with the killing a year earlier of Warrant Officer Phillip Selepe.

He has been in "Death Row" in the Pretoria Central Prison since his conviction in August 1983. Both the British and West German Governments have asked Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, to intercede, and last year the United Nations Security Council called for his sentence to be commuted.

Archbishop Denis Hurley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Durban, said last night that he had asked President Botha to reprieve Molefe during a meeting yesterday.

### Botha speech prompts sanctions by Canberra

From Tony Dahoudin, Melbourne

Australia is to impose several low-key economic sanctions on the Pretoria Government, including the closure of its trade commission office in South Africa.

The sanctions were announced yesterday, though the decision made in principle last week, was delayed pending the speech by President Botha on Thursday. His uncompromising address prompted yesterday's announcement.

The speech was described by Australia's Cabinet yesterday as both negative and unhelpful.

Although diplomatic ties will be maintained and Mr Robert Birch, Australia's Ambassador to Pretoria, who was recalled for consultations will soon return, the trade commission office will close at the end of next month.

Australia will maintain trade with South Africa but the export of some goods will be banned, including petrol and petroleum products and computer hardware, or any other product of potential use to the South African security forces.

It will also ban the import of Krugersmunt and military equipment and all new investment in South Africa by the Australian

### Miners' union in fresh strike talks

Leaders of the black National Union of Mineworkers yesterday met representatives of the South African Chamber of Mines with proposals designed to avert Sunday's strike in 29 gold and coal mines (Ray Kennedy writes from Johannesburg).

A further meeting will be held "in the next two days if possible", the Chamber says.

Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister described the measures as part of a step-by-step process which illustrated Australia's complete rejection of apartheid. Further steps could be taken if appropriate.

He pointed out, however, that the measures would have little effect without the backing of other countries.

## Okello visits Nairobi as Obote leaves

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

The Ugandan Head of State and chairman of the ruling Military Council, Lieutenant-General Tito Okello, met President Moi of Kenya here yesterday - their first meeting since the Ugandan coup on July 27.

General Okello flew here after his Foreign Minister, Mr Othman Otunnu, had travelled to Nairobi, apparently to prepare the ground for the meeting.

President Moi's agreement to meet General Okello amounted to formal recognition of the new Government, although Kenya had previously said no more than that it was watching the Ugandan situation closely.

The meeting took place a few days after the ousted Ugandan President, Dr Milton Obote, left for Lusaka, accompanied by about 140 other Ugandans, to seek refuge there.

Dr Obote had been in Kenya since escaping from Uganda on the day of the coup, but had remained out of sight. The Kenyan authorities had said nothing about his presence here.

Mr Yoweri Museveni, the leader of the National Resistance Army which had been fighting a guerrilla war against President Obote since 1980, is also in Nairobi. He is expected to meet General Okello, but there was no word of any arrangements for a meeting.

### 300 drown after brawl on Chinese ferry

Peking (Reuters) - About 300 passengers drowned when an overloaded ferry capsized and sank in a river in north-east China.

The Peking Evening News said yesterday that a fight broke out and passengers crowded to one side of the ferry to watch, tipping it over.

More than 300 people were aboard on Sunday when the vessel left Taiyang Island, a tourist spot on the Singhua river, in the north-eastern Heilongjiang province, near the Soviet border.

"After the boat capsized and sank, only a very few passengers from the upper decks swam away," the paper reported.

## US bomb crew flies to stricken Belgian ship

Bahrain (Reuters) - A US Navy bomb disposal team flew to a war-damaged Belgian-registered tanker off the Gulf state of Qatar yesterday to deal with an unexploded missile on board, shipping sources said.

Iranian aircraft fired two missiles into the 26,134 tonne Nass Leopard 28 miles east of Qatar on Sunday in a raid seen as retaliation for Thursday's Iraqi air attack on Iran's Kharg oil terminal.

One missile damaged the Nass Leopard's funnel, electronics cabling and part of the accommodation quarters.

"A second missile is lurking there in the accommodation. The US Navy has been asked to deal with it", a source said.

The disposal team flew from the aircraft carrier Midway, on station in the Arabian Sea, to inspect and try to dismantle the projectile, he said. The crew remained on board the Nass Leopard, which is partly loaded with paraffin. The ship's Qatari agents said a representative of its Belgian managers, CMB SA of Antwerp, inspected the damage yesterday and surveyors from Dubai would arrive today. The agents said the vessel, an oil products carrier, was able to sail under its own power to about five miles off the Qatari port of Doha.

A shipping source said the Nass Leopard, launched in February and mainly owned by Norwegian interests, was heavily reliant on its electronic systems, which would take a few weeks to repair.

The Norwegian Shipowners' Association confirmed that Iranian aircraft carried out the attack, even though the ship had been due to discharge cargo in Iran.

The Iraqi attack on Kharg Island holed the Maltese-registered tanker, Toril, and caused some damage to the terminal, crucial to Iran's ability to export oil and raise revenue to finance its war effort.

The extent of the damage remained unclear. Iraq initially said it had reduced the island's facilities to rubble, to whom the Kuwait News Agency yesterday quoted an Iraqi official as saying that both the eastern and western oil jetties "were completely destroyed".

The first independent reports spoke of substantial damage to the "T" jetty, east of the heavily defended island, but one shipping source said aerial photographs showed the Iraqis had "knocked a bit of a hole in the middle of it, but that's it".

A British Iranian Oil Corporation official in London said the "T" jetty was not out of action.

## Afghanistan accused of bombing village

Islamabad (Reuters) - Four Afghan planes bombed a Pakistani border village, killing eight people and wounding 12, the Pakistan Government said.

Eight bombs dropped on Kewas, six miles from the Afghan border, also destroyed five houses and killed a large number of cattle.

Pakistan had lodged a strong protest with the Afghan chargé d'affaires in Islamabad against the "unprovoked attack", the statement added. Afghanistan would be entirely responsible for "serious consequences" if such attacks did not cease.

## Bhutto body on last journey

Paris - The body of Shahnawaz Bhutto, youngest son of the executed former Prime Minister of Pakistan, left Nice for Zurich on the first leg of his journey back to Pakistan for burial. It is expected to leave Zurich tomorrow for Karachi.

Mr Bhutto, aged 27, was found dead in his Cannes flat by his wife on July 18.

## Editor shot

Cebu City, Philippines (AP) - Joselito Paloma, the publisher-editor of a provincial newspaper, was shot dead on a deserted street near a slum district in Surigao City near here. He was the eleventh journalist murdered in the Philippines this year.

## Three executed

Indonesia has executed three members of the country's outlawed Communist Party, Amnesty International said in London.

## Bassey ban

Oslo (AFP) - The British singer, Shirley Bassey, has been banned from performing in Oslo's Concert Hall because she has given concerts in South Africa. Oslo City Council imposed the ban.

## Time lapse

Hong Kong (Reuters) - Clocks are running six minutes slow in Hong Kong as electricity is diverted from the colony to supply China's southern Guangdong province, hit by a power failure on Saturday.

## Cocaine haul

Mexico City (AP) - In one of the largest drug hauls in Mexican history, 1,493 lb of cocaine valued at \$181 million (about \$130 million) was seized by a special team of Interpol agents after stopping a lorry between Tijuana and Tecate along the border with California. It was bound for the US.

## Celtic treasure

Stuttgart (Reuters) - The treasure of a Celtic prince buried with him and undisturbed for 2,500 years, is being shown to the public for the first time in Stuttgart. It was unearthed in 1978 from a Celtic burial mound in a cornfield near here.

## Irish luck

Nagasaki (Reuters) - Two Irish soldiers serving with United Nations forces in south Lebanon, had a miraculous escape when a 120mm mortar shell crashed through the roof of their post but failed to explode. It became embedded in it floor close to where they were sleeping.

## Canada - US relations: Part 2

### Stemming the protectionist tide

In the second of two articles on Canada's troubles over its relations with the United States, John Best reports from Ottawa on fears about trade.

Living next to a big, wealthy, and generally consumption-oriented country has its advantages. Last year Canada sold

Canada, many more aimed at other countries, Japan for example, or the world generally, but capable of catching Canada in the undertow.

So far Canada has been relatively unscathed by the protectionist tide, partly through the repeated intervention of the White House, but for how long it can escape retribution for its trade surplus?

A special parliamentary committee is trying to come up with a strategy for securing access to the American market. It is considering a whole series of options, but the main question is whether Canada should throw caution to the wind and jump into a free-trade arrangement with Washington.

Before long, all but 20 per cent of Canada-US commerce will be unencumbered by tariffs anyway, and duty on the remainder will be negligible.

But it is Washington's increasing use of non-tariff barriers - quotas, special surcharges, controlling duties and the like - to bring down the huge US trade deficit that frightens Canadian policymakers. Just in the last year there have been threats against Canadian lumber, steel, fish, pork, cement and other export products.

Exponents of free trade point to the figures and argue that Canada is sliding inexorably into the economic embrace of the US without the safeguards - against non-tariff barriers, notably - that a negotiated bilateral arrangement would confer.

Opponents of free trade say it would undermine Canada's

political independence and let wily-nilly its absorption by the US.

For the Conservative Prime Minister, Mr Brian Mulroney, the issue poses a serious dilemma. He was elected a year partly on a pledge of closer economic association with the US to stimulate job creation in Canada.

At a summit in Quebec last March, he and President Reagan called on their respective trade ministers to produce a report within six months - it is by next month - on "possible ways to reduce or eliminate existing barriers to trade".

Mr Mulroney is a careful, however, not to commit himself too far. He eschews expression "free trade"; talks about enhanced trade. One reason for his caution regional disagreement on issues, heavily industrialized Ontario is reluctant to make protection for its manufacturers; the rest of the country favours free trade.

Further, it is the kind emotional political issue could quickly engulf an unpecting Prime Minister.

While Canadians argue, far from clear that the wants free trade with Can although a trend toward bilateral free-trade arrangements has been running Washington alongside protectionist pressures.

Rightly or wrongly, C claims tend to take it for granted that the proposition they not turn their backs a special trade arrangement

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## Britons held in East Germany over leaflets

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

East German police are holding two British students for allegedly importing anti-Communist literature into the country. The two have been kept in jail for almost three weeks and there is no prospect of their early release.

The students, both of Ukrainian descent, are George Fedyszyn, aged 22, of London, and Olek Leszczynski, also aged 22, of Coventry.

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that the two were on their way to Poland and were detained after a customs check at Frankfurt-on-the-Oder in East Germany on August 1. They were then transferred to a jail in East Berlin.

The two have been visited by a British consular official from the embassy in East Berlin. The spokesman said the embassy was keeping in touch with the East German authorities about their plight. So far no charges have been brought.

## Athens sticks to arson theory as fire toll rises

From Mario Modiano, Athens

As nine fires continued to sweep through Greek forests yesterday, raising the death toll to seven, the Government came under sharp criticism from the Opposition for alleged negligence and inefficiency in coping with the crisis.

Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Prime Minister, attributed the hundreds of fires which raged through Greece this month to a plot, probably aimed at political destabilization. He promised increased vigilance, harsher punishment for arsonists and rewards for their capture.

A sceptical Opposition accused the Government of evading its responsibilities by portraying itself as the victim of a conspiracy. Critics recalled that the Prime Minister had made the same accusations and promised the same remedies after forest fires three years ago.

Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, leader of New Democracy, the conservative main opposition, said: "If this is arson, let the Government catch and crush

the arsonists. We are ready to help. If it cannot do it, let it resign. But it is inadmissible that it should hide behind phantoms."

Ministers have been trying to add flesh to what the Opposition calls phantoms by displaying on television a slow-burning fuse attached to a paper pellet containing incendiary substances, which had been found in two places in Crete after fires.

They also showed a bag of Chinese-made fireworks discovered in a wood outside Athens, which could also have been used to start a forest fire, particularly in the sweltering temperatures in Greece this month.

Two farmers in western Greece and one on the island of Thasos have been arrested on suspicion of fire-raising. It was on this northern Aegean island that firemen found the bodies of six of the seven victims. At least 100 homes were destroyed.

## Supporters pack trial of former Asean chief

From Our Correspondent, Jakarta

Prominent well-wishers turned up yesterday in a show of solidarity for the opening day of the trial of the former Asean Secretary-General, Mr Hartono Dharsono, on subversion charges.

Mr Dharsono, aged 60, who appeared calm but thin after nine months in jail, told the court that he rejected the charges.

The prosecution said the retired general and former commander of the powerful Siliwangi Army division had prior knowledge of the bombings which left two dead in Jakarta in September last year but failed to inform the authorities.

The chief prosecutor, Mr Bob Nasution, told the packed courtroom that Mr Dharsono had incited young people to act against the State, and that after listening to him, the bombers, who have already been brought to trial, had carried out their acts.

Mr Nasution dwelt at length on a White Paper signed by Mr

Dharsono and 19 others calling for an investigation into the Government's handling of a Muslim riot in Jakarta a month before the bombings.

In brief comments to journalists, Mr Dharsono later said the White Paper was "only seeking the truth". The Government says 30 people died when troops fired at the rioting mob, but at the time the White Paper was issued, the official toll was given as nine.

At least five prominent figures who stood among the ranks of Mr Dharsono's supporters at the trial were named by the prosecution "to be tried".

The defence was given until August 29 to prepare its case for Mr Dharsono. Most of those named in the prosecution document "to be tried" are members of a dissident group of 50 which criticizes government actions through letters to Parliament. Mr Dharsono, though closely connected to the group, was not a member.



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## Lange to sue France if role in attack on Greenpeace is proved

Wellington (Reuters) - New Zealand will sue France if it is confirmed that Paris was involved in the sinking of the Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior, Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, said yesterday.

He said New Zealand would seek damages for Greenpeace, the family of a crew member killed in the sinking and for itself.

The vessel, which sank in Auckland on July 10, was to have led a protest fleet to the French nuclear test area at Mururoa Atoll. President Mitterrand has ordered an inquiry into media suggestions that the French secret service was involved.

Mr Lange said: "The principles of international law are that if... an instrument of government has offended the sovereignty of another nation, then it is for the aggrieved nation to claim on behalf of those who suffer loss and for itself, for all the affront that it has sustained."

He said he had no sustainable proof of an official role but Wellington was taking the French media reports seriously. Wellington had been careful not to make allegations against France, but the case was developing in line with his expectations. "You will observe that the French themselves have gone to work on that

(official involvement) issue with a will."

Mr Lange described Mitterrand's statement on Sunday that France would continue its nuclear tests as "another example of the consistently insensitive attitude of France."

● **Greenpeace pledge:** Greenpeace vowed yesterday to pursue its protests against the French tests and said it was undeterred by President Mitterrand's order to French forces to arrest any vessels entering French territorial waters around the atoll nuclear range (AFP reports).

The environmental group said the warning was nothing new because "that's exactly what they have done in the past."

● **AUCKLAND:** The Rainbow Warrior will be refuelled tomorrow, the New Zealand police officer in charge of the case said yesterday (AFP reports).

The wreck will be examined for further clues and to establish what explosives were used. Superintendent Allan Galbraith denied a report in the Paris newspaper *Le Monde* that British intelligence knew in advance that French agents planned to destroy the vessel and tipped off New Zealand police.

*La Monde*, quoting French intelligence agents, said this

explained why two alleged French agents were arrested so quickly.

● **PARIS:** The ecologist movement, SOS-Environnement, announced yesterday that it was dissociating itself from Greenpeace and its campaign against French nuclear testing (Susan MacDonald writes).

It said it was clear that Greenpeace was looking for verbal and physical confrontation with the French authorities. While French ecologists were opposed to the nuclear menace, they could not accept being separated from French public opinion.

The group said it condemned the Auckland attack but did not agree with Greenpeace's campaign against France when other powers were continuing their nuclear strategies unhindered.

This reflects a closing of ranks after President Mitterrand's show of strength in announcing that the Navy had been ordered to arrest any vessels in the atoll area.

However, M Brice Lalonde, an ecologist and former presidential candidate, declared on television yesterday that he was horrified by the silence from politicians. "We should apologize to New Zealand, Greenpeace and the dead man's family" for France's part in the attack.

## Further barriers to New Caledonia Bill

From Susan MacDonald Paris

The President of the Senate, M. Alain Pothier and former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing will head the list of senators and deputies who are referring the law on the future of New Caledonia to the Constitutional Council again, once the amended version has been adopted by Parliament.

The Senate yesterday began examining the amended law clause by clause, although only one article, that concerning the councillor-voter ratio in the Noumea region, is different from the original version.

It was the Opposition's objections to the ratio for the forthcoming regional elections in the territory, which it felt favoured the independence groups, that led it to refer the law to the Constitutional Council once it had been passed by Parliament at the end of July. The opposition now objects to President Mitterrand's invoking of Article 10 of the Constitution to recall Parliament to adopt the amended law.

The opposition-dominated Senate, including the senator from New Caledonia, M Dick Ukevi, are still objecting to the councillor voter ratio, despite

the fact that the amended law gives the Noumea region more councillors than the opposition had been stipulating.

Once the Senate has finished examining the amended law it will go back to the National Assembly for its Second Reading, scheduled before the end of this week. However, the Opposition's insistence on referring it again to the Constitutional Council threatens to upset the planned regional elections in September and the Government's New Caledonia programme, favouring eventual independence, is in danger of coming under fire in the general election campaign which will build during the autumn.

The New Caledonia territorial Assembly is due to be disbanded in favour of an indirectly elected Territorial Congress if the law is enacted.

● **NOUMEA:** Territorial Assembly yesterday rejected the Bill, saying that it favoured a Kanak (Melanesian) separatist minority (Reuter reports).

The Territorial Assembly, dominated by the anti-independence Gaullist RPR party, voted 25-1 in favour of a motion opposing the Bill.

## Dutch urged to legalize euthanasia

The Hague (Reuters) - A Government commission has recommended that Dutch law be amended to allow euthanasia when patients in acute distress make a reasoned request to doctors to be helped to die.

A Health Ministry spokesman said a report by the commission of 15 lawyers, doctors and academics would urge amending the penal code to allow euthanasia in certain cases and subject to guidelines.

The Dutch Supreme Court ruled in 1984 that medical ethics must be considered along with legal statutes in any euthanasia prosecutions in The Netherlands. Courts have since allowed several doctors charged with mercy killing to go unpunished and a minority party has introduced a Bill in parliament that would allow euthanasia.

The main parties, however, have held up the Bill to see what the commission would recommend and early amendment of the law is unlikely.

The Health Ministry spokesman said 13 of the 15 members of the commission favoured euthanasia in cases where patients in acute distress made a voluntary and well-considered request.

## Exile bailed after return to Canaries

From Richard Wigg Madrid

Señor Antonio Cubillo, a lawyer who headed a movement once backed by African countries for the independence of the Canary Islands, was brought before an investigating magistrate to answer terrorism charges here yesterday only hours after returning from 23 years' exile in Algeria.

After his court appearance, he condemned the EEC terms Spain negotiated for the Canaries.

He said he would continue the battle for the islands' self-determination by peaceful means and contest the next autonomous regional elections.

In court Señor Cubillo denied any responsibility for a series of bomb attacks in the islands in 1978, maintaining he was then in an Algiers hospital recovering from an attack on his life which he blamed on Spain's secret services.

He was granted bail and the



Señor Cubillo facing the press after his appearance before a Madrid court yesterday.

case is expected to open this autumn. Spain's Socialist Government had earlier agreed to his return and given him a passport.

Angry supporters of Señor Cubillo, bearing banners reading "Spaniards Get Out" had clashed with police at Gando Airport where he was arrested immediately after his arrival in the islands on Sunday. He was brought to Madrid on Sunday night.

## Struggle for ABC's soul

## Australian TV under siege

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

The harsh criticism of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation by 13 prominent Australians last week was the culmination of months of struggle between traditional and progressive forces for the soul of Australia's public broadcasting body.

When the ABC changed from a commission to a corporation more than 18 months ago, at the same time adopting more businesslike methods, it offended many of its older, more traditional followers.

Much of the criticism has centred on the television news programme *The National*, launched earlier this year. It was an attempt to present a blend of news and current affairs along the lines of the services offered by the commercial channels and very much like the *American Today* show.

The *National* used ABC promotion segments to break up the hour, rather like

advertisements on commercial channels. This offended many faithful viewers, who saw it as the thin edge of the wedge, especially when the Government asked the ABC to look at the possibility of corporate sponsorship for some programmes to help offset costs. There is no licence system in Australia; the ABC is funded out of general revenue.

The format of *The National* has been changed in response to the criticism. It now has a clearly identified half-hour news at the beginning, produced in each state capital, followed by a half-hour of national affairs.

With its change of status 18 months ago the ABC got a new structure, with a managing director, Mr Geoffrey Whitehead, and a more cost-conscious senior management.

This led to the announcement in June that the corporation would have to shed 600 jobs within a year. Again this was

seen by many people as the demise of the old-style ABC, which based itself on the BBC even to the extent that it is affectionately known as "Auntie".

What is happening to the ABC is what has already happened to the BBC. It adopted a more youthful image and tried to take on the commercial television and radio stations at their own game. It is this desire for better ratings that has probably most alienated faithful ABC listeners.

The situation has been confused by Mr Ken Myers, the corporation's chairman, who a year ago said it had no intention of chasing the ratings. This was contradicted by the introduction of *The National*, which was clearly designed to woo viewers away from the commercial channels.

The ABC still occupies a special place in Australia, and like the BBC it feels itself under siege.



Relatives grieve at the funeral in Tokyo of Kyo Sakamoto, the Japanese pop singer who died in the JAL crash. His wife, Yukiko (centre) holds the Buddhist memorial tablet.

## Voice recorder reveals cockpit drama

## Pilot used special techniques in battle to save doomed jumbo

Tokyo (AP) - Captain Masami Takahama was an expert in the arcane technique of flying the Boeing 747 by using only increases or reductions in throttle power. He had been a 747 flight instructor for three years.

But not even all his expertise and experience could save the wildly bucking Japan Air Lines flight 123 from plunging into a mountain-top as pieces of the tail section tore away with hydraulic controls gone. Only four female passengers among the 524 aboard survived as the crowded airliner crashed about 70 miles north-west of Tokyo on August 12.

While the cause, and much that occurred during the final minutes has yet to be determined, fragments of conversation from the plane's voice recorder show that Captain Takahama declared an emergency, a crew member said.

"Hydraulic (systems) are all out,"

Captain Takahama, aged 49, married and with two children, was an experienced pilot, having logged 12,484 flight hours including 4,588 in 747s.

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## Envoys will drink jungle toast to Cambodian 'freedom'

From Paul Routledge Bangkok

In a jungle clearing one day next week all due pomp and ceremony will be observed when the "President of Democratic Kampuchea", Prince Norodom Sihanouk, accepts the diplomatic credentials of a handful of ambassadors to the country he would like to rule.

The champagne will flow; French, of course, for though France quit her Indo-Chinese colonies 30 years ago, the cultural influence lingers and the toast will be "freedom" from the Vietnamese who have occupied Cambodia for almost seven years.

The ceremony, short but exotic and as impressive as circumstances allow, will take place on a date to be announced on Cambodian soil at an undisclosed site chosen by the Khmer Rouge, one of the three partners in the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea.

The ambassadors present, of China (certainly) and Bangladesh (probably), may be forgiven for feeling uneasy. The whole performance is probably within range of Hanoi's artillery.

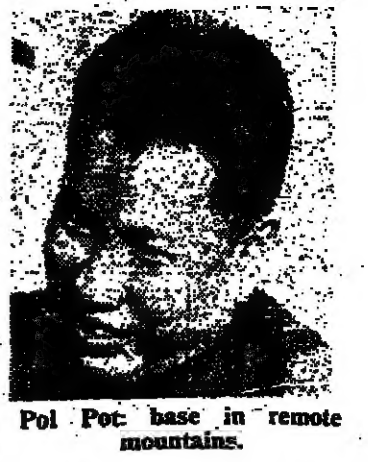
Why do they do it? Apart from the not inconsiderable public relations value of the occasion, it will be an opportunity to demonstrate the determination of the nationalist opposition to continue the struggle to wrest their country from the Vietnamese and their "puppet" Heng Samrin regime.

Among the commanders of the nationalist forces it is conceded that this will not happen overnight, and it may be many years. "Time is on the side of the Vietnamese," Mr Boun Say, a member of the KPNLF ruling executive admitted, Hanoi has sent 180,000 troops in Cambodia though the Heng Samrin Army is said by the critics to number only four divisions, poorly trained and "lacking combativity".

The KPNLF, which has the largest civilian following, musters about 6,000 in the field, with perhaps another 10,000 in reserve. The Sihanoukist ANS claims 9,000 under arms and promises to commit 6,000 men to the conflict by the end of the year.

The Khmer Rouge, with 30,000 soldiers, is still the most serious military threat to the Vietnamese. Its leader, the enigmatic and infamous Pol Pot, is reliably reported to be alive, well and directing his army from a base in the remote Cardamom mountains in the west of Cambodia.

The continuing role of the



Pol Pot: base in remote mountains.

Khmer Rouge in the coalition - Mr Kieu Samphan is Vice-President and Mr Leng Sary heads the powerful co-ordination committee - is a big obstacle to the start of peace negotiations to end the war. Vietnam will only countenance a peace process "on the basis of the elimination of the genocidal Pol Pot clique".

But though China - the main arms supplier to the resistance - may have private misgivings about its political protégé, it still insists that he is the legitimate ruler, a view shared by the 110 United Nations members who last year gave the UN seat to the coalition. Vietnam will not seek to overturn that decision this autumn in favour of Heng Samrin.

Nor will China ever allow Cambodia to become a permanent colony of Vietnam, hence the complex political poker game over the future of Cambodia. The Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) is seeking Hanoi's support for "proximity" talks with the coalition. Heng Samrin being present at the weekend of the Vietnamese delegation. The Vietnamese maintain the fiction that the Samrin Government is sovereign and argue that negotiations should therefore be between Phnom Penh and the nationalists (presumably, excluding the Khmer Rouge). It is a neat way of veiling the initiative while appearing to be flexible.

Negotiations to end the war are not likely in the foreseeable future, despite the optimism expressed at the weekend by the Thai Foreign Minister, Air Vice-Marshal Sudhir Savitasa, that there ought to be a negotiated settlement of the conflict within "two, three or four years".

On the day his prerecorded peacekeeping was being televised, the Vietnamese fired into a Thai village, wounding three civilians and four Thai Marines.

## Starving in Sudan face vital weeks

By Gill Lask

The number of people remaining at risk in Sudan's famine areas is still "very, very substantial", Mr Maurice Strong, executive co-ordinator of the UN Office for Emergency Operations in Africa, said in London yesterday. "These are very, very weeks are very, very important."

Overall, however, he struck an optimistic note. "The international community can take some satisfaction that millions of lives have been saved," he said. But there were no comprehensive figures for the number of those who have starved to death. "Aid workers in the field point out that most people die quietly and unaccounted in their villages."

Mr Strong pinned high hopes on the harvest expected in October and November. "The seed supply situation is a real success story." But at planting time in June many farmers had still received no seed, he said.

The two distributing agencies, the UN Agency for International Development and the European Community, could not say last month how much seed they had distributed.

With donor thoughts turning to longer-term development, Mr Strong gave a warning against an over-dramatic approach. Many donors, including the UN, are being accused of drawing up ill-thought projects, which need to be crash programmes designed to turn African agriculture upside down," he said.

Towards military disengagement.

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## PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

## Soviet Union Vsevolod Kuvakin

By Caroline Moorehead

"I am deeply convinced that I have participated in a just, correct and noble cause, which cannot be destroyed by arrests, trials, prisons, camps, exile or banishment."

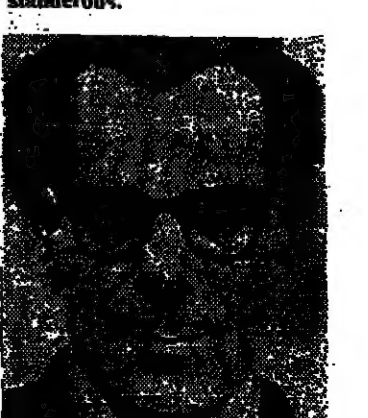
These words, which appeared in an unofficial human rights journal in 1981, are by Vsevolod Kuvakin, a former lawyer and member of SMOT (the Free Inter-Professional Association of Workers), who had been sentenced to a year's imprisonment in a corrective labour colony of strict regime, followed by three years' internal exile, for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda". He is now in internal exile.

Until 1977 Vsevolod Kuvakin worked as a legal consultant to the Central Committee of Trade Unions in the gas and oil industry. He was dismissed for criticising the Soviet Union's domestic policies.

In the years that followed he wrote a number of samizdat articles and became involved with an unofficial journal called *Pravda* (Searches), several of whose members have since been imprisoned. He also became part of a group campaigning for the right to emigrate and signed petitions on behalf of human rights activists in detention.

At his trial, which was closed to the public, Vsevolod Kuvakin was accused of having given "slandorous" materials to a Belgian citizen, Jos Benl.

They included a statement he had prepared in anticipation of his own arrest. Kuvakin agreed that he had written them, but denied that they were slanderous.



Vsevolod Kuvakin: aid to Soviet Christians.

## Hawke is in trouble over Timor

From Tony Duboudin Melbourne

Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, faces attacks from his party after his acknowledgment of Indonesian sovereignty over East Timor.

An interview recorded in Canberra on July 26 for Indonesian national television was broadcast yesterday. Mr Hawke speaks of East Timorese as being Indonesian citizens. He says it would be futile to deny that all opposition to developments in East Timor had ended.

"We recognize the sovereign authority of Indonesia. We welcome the evidence of very substantial economic aid and social assistance from the central Government into East Timor and we share the hope that the levels of standards of the East Timorese will be lifted, that their opportunities of full participation as citizens of Indonesia will be extended."

No Labour Party Minister had publicly acknowledged Indonesian sovereignty before, although the previous Fraser Government granted *de jure* and *de facto* recognition.

At yesterday's pre-budget party meeting, the Prime Minister was closely questioned over his interview.

## Sikhs agree to fight poll

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

The Akali Dal, the main Sikh party, announced yesterday it would contest elections for the Punjab Assembly despite the boycott by two of its leaders, Mr Prakash Singh Badal, the former Chief Minister of Punjab, and Mr G S Tohra, who controls the Sikh temples and their funds.

At a meeting in Longowal, the party authorized its president, Sant Harbans Singh Longowal, to nominate candidates for the election.

This indicates that the Akali Dal may come to an unofficial arrangement with Congress (I), whose predominant support is among Hindus, on some candidates to ensure that they do not defeat each other.

The document has found its way to London even though a draft was seized by police and three leading members of the group were detained for several hours for questioning last week in an apparent attempt to stifle its publication.

It is clearly intended to encourage hidden reformists within the Czechoslovak regime, which is one of the most rigid and repressive in Eastern Europe.

The group points out that Soviet speeches condemning corruption and urging economic and administrative reforms are censored in Czechoslovakia.

"The very expression 'reform' is taboo", it says.

Also indicated is a change of attitude by the group towards the government, which it has for some years rejected as beyond salvation. Between the cautiously-phrased lines is a new willingness to forgive and to cooperate in finding new solutions.

"What is done cannot be undone", it says. "People will not be assessed for things they said and did in the past, but for what they say and do now."

The paper, made available by the Palach press agency in London, also calls tentatively for a withdrawal or a reduction in the number of Soviet troops in Czechoslovakia as "an exemplary unilateral step."

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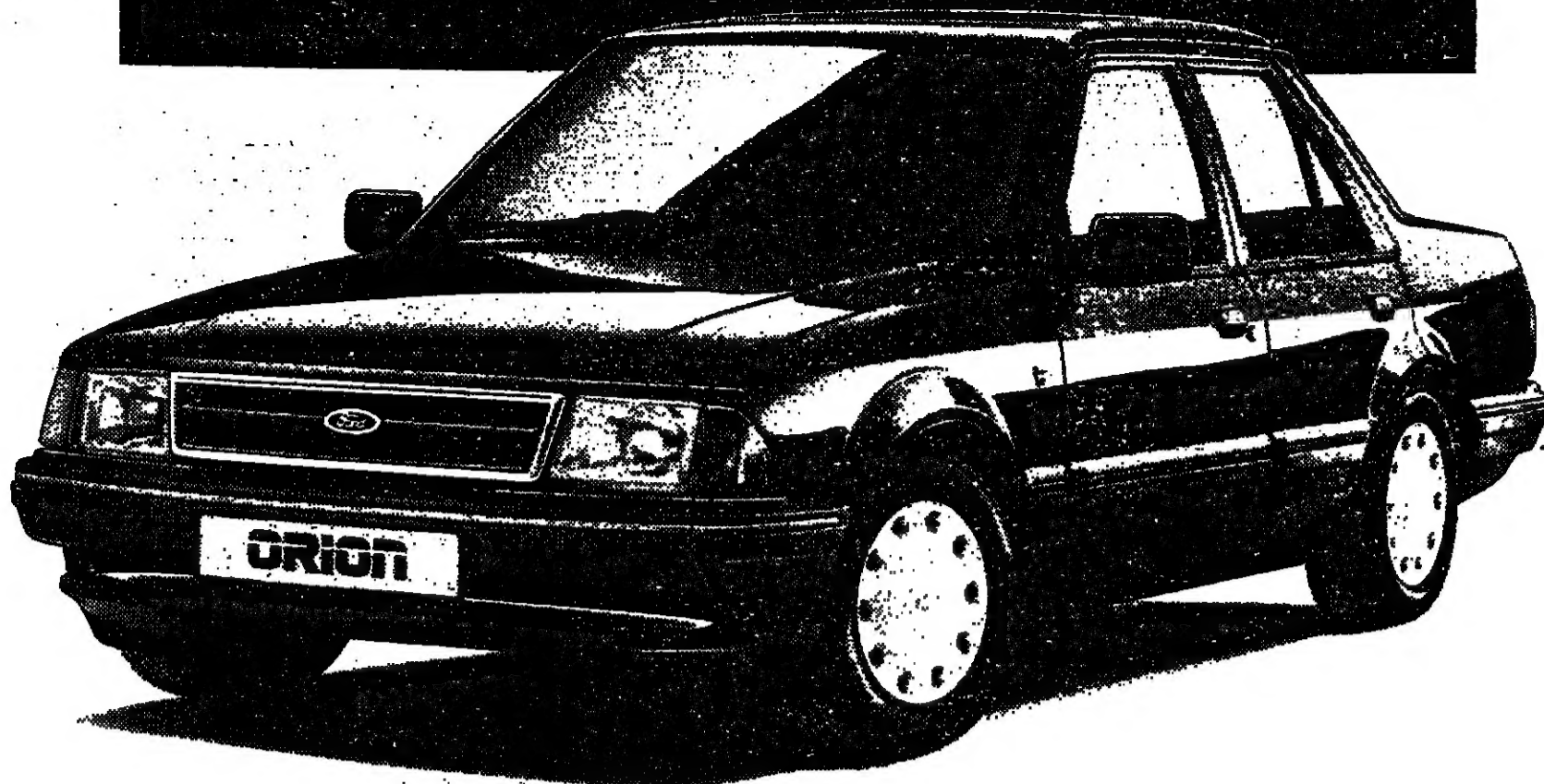
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## SPECTRUM

# Tibet: a homeland in chains



The Dalai Lama, "Ocean of Wisdom", God-King to six million Tibetan Buddhists, has since 1959 headed Tibet's government-in-exile at Dharamsala in India, a community of 100,000 exiles less than 200 miles from the mountainous India-Tibet border. The Simla Convention of 1914, which drew the much disputed McMahon Line defining the border, was agreed between Tibet, China and Britain and forms the modern basis for Tibet's claim for independence. But now, as an "autonomous" part of the People's Republic of China, Tibetans find their independence ambitions thwarted. In this exclusive interview for *The Times*, the Dalai Lama, who recently refused an invitation to visit China because it expressly excluded Tibet, tells Amar Jasbir Singh of his relationship with Delhi and Peking and of his hopes for an eventual return to Tibet.

You have made your home in India for the past 26 years, yet India, like Britain, has chosen not to define her treaty obligations to Tibet. What do you think of this?

I feel that when the problem started, India was a young independent nation. This in itself was a major handicap and, if I may say so, there was some kind of illusion also involved. As a result, when it came to the Tibetan problem the emphasis lay on short-term benefits, and they neglected to pay attention to the long-term ones. In any case, I do believe that within India's own limitations, whatever they can do they will do. It is not only a question of recent treaties, but Indian and Tibetan relations are something unique and deep. Actually Tibetan culture and Tibetan dharma (religion) - that's India's heritage to us.

When Tibet was overrun and you were forced to come to India, Mr Nehru did not openly say that Tibet was independent of China. Do you think, on looking back, that in 1959 he ought to have been stronger in speech, if nothing else?

Yes, I agree. But I think later he felt very strongly regarding Tibet, and expressed what he really felt deep down. In view of India's treaty relations with Tibet, what is the reason for India not coming out openly in defence of an independent Tibet?

Of course there are many difficulties as things have become very involved. But in the early 1960s, on one occasion, I expressed the view that Tibet did have direct contact with foreign countries and made treaties. For instance, at the Simla Convention of 1914, Tibet was an equal partner in the discussions and the treaty-making. So now, though I cannot find the proper words through my poor English, you see the emphasis is on the treaty, but not much thinking about the country which signed the treaty. That is some kind of contradiction. At that time, of course, Tibet was regarded as an independent country. Today things have changed. But if you ask me, the basic Tibetan nation still remains independent. Tibet is always there. Deng Xiaoping is reputed to have three wishes before he departs the

stage - settlement of the Hong Kong issue, reunification of Taiwan, and your return to China and the settlement of the Tibetan issue. Why does he want you to return to China rather than to Tibet?

At the beginning, I feel, they thought they ought not to insist on the Dalai Lama remaining in Peking or in China proper. At that time, the Chinese felt that Tibetan refugees, and the Tibetan situation outside Tibet, were rather difficult, whereas the people in Tibet had undergone 20 years of their indoctrination and would therefore show a negative attitude towards the Dalai Lama. Under those circumstances they only saw the return of the Dalai Lama as a benefit. Then things became clearer, and now they think that if the Dalai Lama returns and remains in Tibet, it may create problems for them. So better keep him in China proper.

When, in December 1984, they invited you to go to China, they must have known that you would not accept such an invitation. So why did they do it?

The Chinese Government believe that if they smile, the Dalai Lama will immediately return. It is that kind of impression. I think, in your refusal to go to Peking you said the issue was not that of the Dalai Lama but the happiness of the Tibetan people. Since the status of the Dalai Lama is basic to Tibet, why did you say this?

Basically, the Dalai Lama is an individual, and even the institution of the Dalai Lama came into being at a certain stage of Tibet's history. In the future it may disappear, but the Tibetan nation will always remain. Of course, at the moment the Dalai Lama is almost like a symbol of Tibet, and among the people I remain, if I may say so, still most popular. Theoretically, there is the Tibetan nation as a nation, and the institution of the Dalai Lama as something different. So you see, here I specially emphasize that the problem is not my own status or my own future. I do not worry about my future, but the basic problem of six million human souls in Tibet. That's the point.

If the Chinese improved conditions in Tibet, and showed that the Tibetan people quite liked being part of China, and it was only the Dalai Lama who



Palace of hope: The Potala at Lhasa, fled by the Dalai Lama in 1959 but to which he may yet return



The Dalai Lama: "Freedom is an inalienable right"

was not prepared to acknowledge China's right to be in Tibet, what would you say to that?

In fact, I listen to many messages in a written or verbal form. Some of the older people in Tibet express the wish to see me before they die. But on the other hand, the young and thoughtful people (who may also have the same wish) advise that, under the present circumstances, I should not return. They do not want the Dalai Lama to be handcuffed and unable to speak in freedom on their behalf. China's acquisition of Sikorsky Blackhawk military helicopters from the United States for Tibet, the continuance of the 250,000-strong Chinese garrison, and now sales of military hardware from Britain mean that the Chinese are strengthening their presence in Tibet. Whom do you think they fear?

Of course, the Chinese are always suspicious and distrustful of Tibetans. Wherever there is a Tibetan village, there is a larger contingent of Chinese military personnel. My information is that though they are trying to show

the world that Tibetans are happy during the 26th anniversary celebrations, yet they are taking every precautionary measure to restrict the movement of Tibetans. There is an obvious concentration of both military and secret service personnel in and around Lhasa. There are also large numbers of Chinese soldiers and civilians inducted into Tibet, in the name of construction workers for the 26th anniversary of the so-called Autonomous Region of Tibet celebrations in September this year. Our information is that about 80,000 to 90,000 Chinese technicians and labourers have been brought into central Tibet.

So far, each delegation which you have sent to China has met with deadlock. If the Chinese were to release political prisoners, reduce the garrison and concede a genuine internal autonomy to Tibet, would you consider it then to be one country?

The Tibetan issue is very complicated. The basic question is the complete satisfaction of the Tibetan

people. "One country, two systems" might be an interesting concept if the entire world became a sort of one country. Within it those people who believe in certain ideals, certain ideologies, would live together as their own community and adopt their own system. And the neighbour next door would function under a different system. That I believe is possible and good.

What this question means is that Tibet would still be linked to China. In general, would you be prepared to accept this as one country?

In general, no. Lamas maintained that to shift colonization there had to be strong movement from within a country, and for the oppressor to lose the will to continue the fight. Have you any knowledge of such a movement within Tibet?

Actually there are many indications that feelings of bitterness are everywhere in Tibet. So I think sooner or later these inner feelings will come out. For example, the Chinese always move about in strength. No military truck, movie, alone, which is an indication that they need to take precautions. There is also evidence of fires and some kind of small scale sabotage.

You have mentioned in some recent statements that conditions in Tibet are somewhat improved. Does this mean that the internal situation causes you no specific anxieties at present?

No, I am not very satisfied. As you know, it is now more than 30 years since Communist China forcefully occupied Tibet. During this period the religion and culture of Tibet have been destroyed and the people have undergone tremendous economic deprivation. The greatest loss, however, has been the loss of freedom. According to information that we have gathered so far, 1.2 million Tibetans have died as a direct result of the brutal occupation by the Chinese. Now, however, there is an even greater danger of the Tibetans being completely assimilated into the vast sea of the Chinese population. For instance, at the beginning of this century, the Manchus were a people of a distinct race with their own culture and traditions. Today in Manchuria there are only two to three million Manchus among 75 million Chinese. In Eastern Turkestan, called Sinkiang by the Chinese, the Chinese population in 1949 was 200,000 and today there are about 7 million of them in a total population of 13 million. Another example: there are 8.5 million Chinese in Inner Mongolia and only 2.5 million Mongols.

Now in the Kokonor area of north-eastern Tibet - where I was born - according to a recent Chinese newspaper report there are 700,000 Chinese and 2.5 million Tibetans. The Chinese are widely publicizing the special care and attention they give to the so-called "Tibet Autonomous Region", which comprises the western and central parts of Tibet, yet they are sending large numbers of young Chinese into the eastern and north-eastern part of Tibet.

It is impossible to estimate accurately the immense material loss that the Tibetans have suffered under Chinese colonization. Yet the Chinese have the audacity to publicize widely that 7.2 billion yuan have been spent on developing Tibet over the last three decades. This amount is actually their expenses in maintaining some 300,000 military and 1.7 million civilian personnel in the region. It is only a fraction compared to the cost of what they have destroyed and removed.

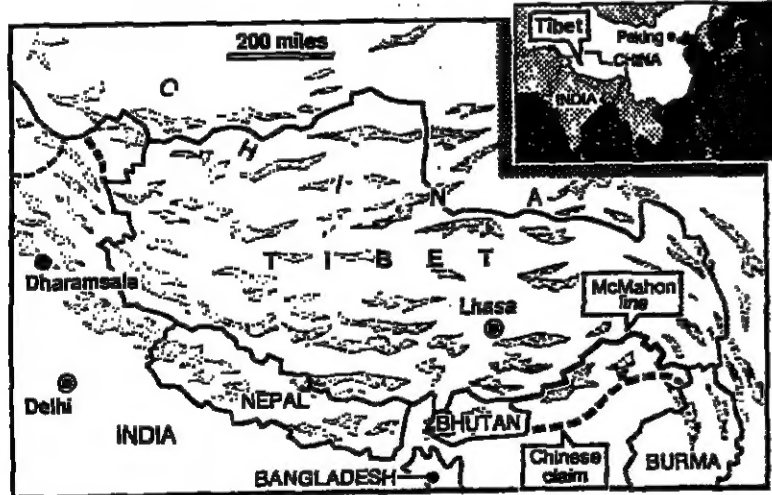
## My message for Peking

I am encouraged to note that the Chinese leaders are more open-minded and moderate compared to those in the past. I hope that they will try to understand better the real situation in Tibet and, based on that understanding, adopt a policy that is pragmatic and morally principled. It is my belief that in human society it is not sufficient just to satisfy the basic needs such as food and shelter and clothing; freedom is essential and basic. For the Tibetan people, freedom is an inalienable right.

It is good that the Chinese have recently been taking some interest in the history of Tibet. The history of a nation is naturally based on historical records and nowhere is there a single record that states that Tibet has at any time been a part of China. There have

been periods when the Mongols and Manchus had some influence over Tibet but then, where there is a nation which has not experienced such influences be it military, religious, cultural or through the marital relationship of its rulers?

Such influences and acts of aggression have been used in the past, as well as in the present, by stronger powers to claim sovereignty over weaker nations. But the Tibetan people have never voluntarily agreed to become part of China. I call on unbiased and impartial scholars of international law to give their opinion on this aspect of the Sino-Tibetan relationship. China has the right to her own happiness and prosperity but not at the expense of another nation or people.



Tibet: at the crossroads of a continent

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### A bolt from the blue

For many years it has been widely reported that during thunderstorms sudden torrid rain can follow a flash of lightning. It has been assumed that the lightning caused the rain. Recent work at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology suggests that in practice the reverse may be true. Laboratory studies of the electric charge acquired by a model hailstone in a large cold chamber have revealed a complex set of processes. Moving the "hailstone" through supercooled droplets and ice crystals showed that significant charge is collected

### More methane

In the debate about the possibility of Man altering the global climate, most attention is devoted to the effect of increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels. There are however other gases being produced as a result of Man's activities which could be nearly as important.

One of these is methane (marsh-gas) which is the product of both extracting coal, oil and gas and also various aspects of agriculture including the intestines of cattle and rice paddy fields.

One way of discovering whether the amount of methane in the atmosphere has increased appreciably in recent decades is to measure its concentration in air bubbles trapped long ago deep in the ice-caps of Antarctica and Greenland.

The Oregon Graduate Centre reckons that methane in the atmosphere has doubled in the last two centuries to around 1.5 parts per million, and the rate of increase is rising rapidly.

### Rain check

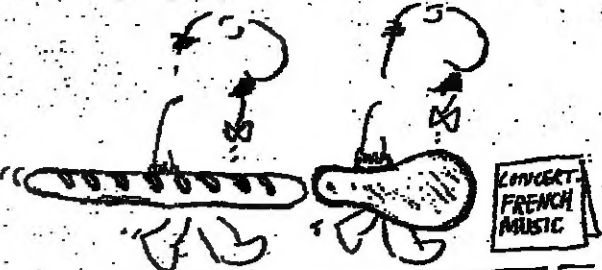
Ever since Sir Edmund Halley proposed in 1686 that the basic cause of the monsoon in India was the result of Asia warming up and drawing huge quantities of moisture northwards from the tropical Indian Ocean, scientists have been trying to explain what defines the strength of this seasonal phenomenon.

Work by researchers at the Universities of Mysore and Hawaii suggests that the weather patterns over Eurasia during the winter provide a useful guide. If the patterns are meandering, with unusually high pressure at high latitudes over Eurasia in the early part of the year, there is more chance of a below average monsoon. More uniform westerly winds favour a good monsoon.

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## MEL CALMAN'S EDINBURGH

### Scrape a little harder there, Yehudi



#### DAY ONE

Arrive at Waverley Station and notice that the taxi driver actually leaves his cab to help us with our luggage. Must be some strange native custom. London cabbies tend to be superstitious about leaving their cabs unattended. He also advises us to take our wee coats with us when we go out at night, in case it gets cold. Hesitate to point out that it is cold now.

#### DAY TWO

Go to the Queen's Hall and put up exhibition of cartoons "with a Celtic flavour", as the publicity hand-out describes it. The Queen's Hall is pretty and unpretentious - the ideal setting for a modest show of cartoons. Just how modest is revealed to us as we start the hanging. We do not have enough pictures to fill the space. I phone a friend in London, Philip Thompson, and beg him to get out his pencils and start drawing French-type jokes. He sounds slightly reluctant. I can't think why. Illustrators/cartoonists are always being asked to do 10 drawings by yesterday.

When we finish we sneak into the hall proper to hear Yehudi Menuhin rehearsing his Bach concert. It is a moving experience to sit in an empty hall and have this sublime music playing just for us. Sir Yehudi asks our advice about the balance. Can we hear the cellos? We nod sagely. Later on, he turns round to ask if we prefer a certain passage with the harpsichord or the organ playing it. The responsibility is enormous. If I say the harpsichord, will it change the future of music? Will Sir Yehudi come to depend on me for his other concerts? I may have to give up my other work so as to be free to follow Sir Yehudi everywhere, advising him on balance and other matters of musical importance.

Private view for our "La Plume" do mon Cartoonists' exhibition. We are not exactly besieged by customers wanting to buy cartoons - but everyone is enjoying the French pastiche provided by the Queen's Hall rooks. There are two girls from the Scottish Arts Council who like cartoons. One of them is a secret cartoonist.

Go to Assembly Rooms to see Team Nowy from Poland in *The End of Europe*. It is an extraordinary experience - like a series of Groucho drawings come to life. It is bizarre, moving, and extremely disturbing. For an hour I forget that my feet hurt and that it is still raining outside.

see *Goat-Song*, "seven pilgrims on a dream-like quest, inspired by a painting by Goya". Or would it be better to take in *Being from the Leggy Mime Company of France*? Described in the programme as "a seamless evocation of the future and the past. A creature emerges from nature, discovering and discovered". There are hundreds of shows, from *A for Abide With Me* to *Z for Zoo Story*. I decide to go out and have something to eat instead.

Bump into Jack Klaff at the Roxburgh Hotel. Over tea and toast we all discuss his new play, *Wonderful Darling*. I tell him frankly what I think is wrong with it. Having advised Sir Yehudi about musical balance, I feel eager to help Jack out with his dramatic problems. It is exhilarating to be needed and useful.

Rush over to see a dress rehearsal of the ballet *Carmen* at the Playhouse. Try to draw in the dark, but give up and enjoy the music. All kinds of extra bits of Bizet have been added to the score to accommodate the different scenario. The girl dancing Carmen is only 19. It's not just the policemen that are getting younger.

#### DAY FOUR

It is raining. It rained yesterday and I expect it will rain tomorrow. It takes a great deal of dexterity to juggle with several brochures, a carrier bag (for shopping and all leaflets people keep handing me), a sketch book, an umbrella. See the exhibition of American Drawings at the City Art Centre. An interesting show, with a surprising drawing by Andy Warhol that looks a bit like a Ben Shahn. I never realized he could draw as well as be famous. It is nice and dry indoors.

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#### DAY FIVE

Try to find Jonathan Miller, the Chairman of the Fringe this year, to see if he needs my advice about anything. A nice young girl at the Fringe Office tells me that "he is in orbit today". I imagine that describes Jonathan Miller on every day. I give a press conference - to tell the world press about our exhibition of cartoons. The world press seems to be engaged elsewhere. There is a kind man from *The Glasgow Herald*, the two young girls from the Scottish Arts Council and six other people. And one of those is my own daughter, Claire.



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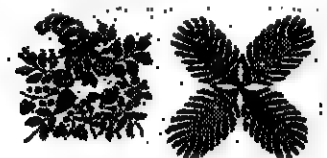
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## Patchwork pieces of other people's lives

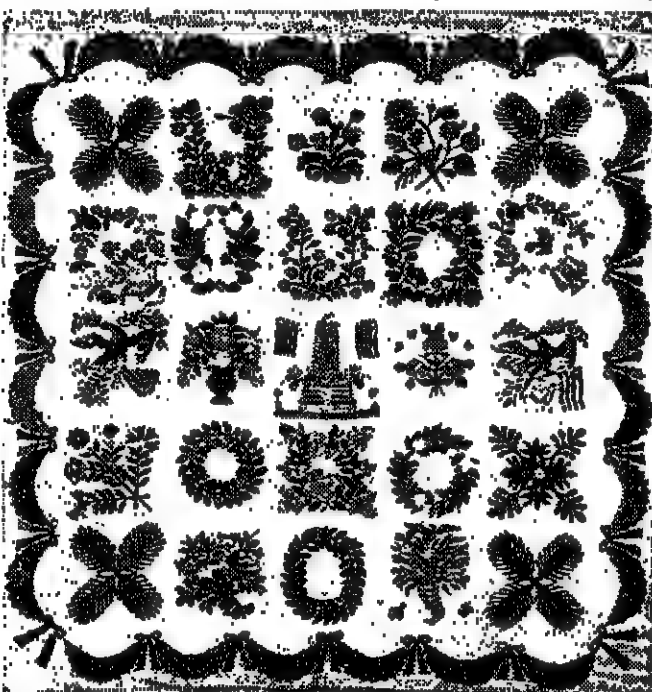
The most difficult thing for the historically minded to capture is the flavour of life-as-it-is-lived by ordinary men and women in ordinary places and under unexceptional historical circumstances. Among the countless artefacts valued by later generations for their patina of the past lives of those who are "hidden from history", some are more redolent than others of the chat, gossip, misfortunes and joys of small-town life.

Perhaps the attraction of American quilts is precisely that they are made up of scraps of people's lives, of bits of time spent talking among other women or silently sewing in the bosom of one's family.

It is difficult to know how far this is a romanticized, soap-opera vision of mid-19th century America, but certainly a community camaraderie thrived within the quilting bees, the working gatherings which generally turned into parties. Feminists now believe that the quilts which were made cooperatively raise vital questions about the nature of group art and aesthetics, while some art historians see some of the patchwork designs as forerunners of abstraction.



The first American quilts had comparatively plain tops of only one fabric, ornamented with the running quilting stitches that held together the three layers - top, bottom and central filling for warmth. Nevertheless, the flowing floral and elegant geometric borders - some very similar to those on traditional Welsh quilts - are very beautiful.



The Baltimore quilt (top) fetched £14,344 at Sotheby's. Francesca Mills of Crane Gallery shows another design.

**The traditional 19th century American quilt is now much prized by collectors for the way it reflects the lives of ordinary people, says Isabelle Anscombe**

Pieced, or patchwork, designs were not introduced until around 1830. Then American quilts began to come into their own and to abandon designs brought over by settlers, although many motifs - such as the Pennsylvania Tulip, which came from Germany, or the Feather from the north of England - remained.

In the early 19th century, fabrics were precious in frontier America, and piecwork was both an economic and a pleasantly nostalgic way of recycling scraps of pattern from mamma's wedding dress or the curtains from a bride's first home. It was a tradition that an American girl should have up to 12 quilts in her "hope chest", although the tops - begun by her at quite an early age - would not be backed and quilted until she became engaged. Hundreds of thousands of quilts must have been made over the centuries.

What helped to make American quilts different was the use of blocks made up of geometric arrangement of squares, rectangles, triangles or diamonds; the blocks were then sewn together, usually in a design of contrasting plain and patterned squares, to make the top of the quilt. The most familiar patterns of Baskets,

Star Burst, Log Cabin, Pine Trees (sometimes known as Tree of Life), and the various stylized floral motifs were all made in this way. Many of the names of the patterns - Indian Trails, Rocky Road to Kansas, Whig Rose - link them with America's past; others, such as Mariner's Compass, Harvest Sun, Flying Geese, Cactus Rose or Ohio Farmhouse, with the interests of the communities which developed them.

Some of the most sought-after piecwork quilts were made by the Amish, or Plain People, from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas and Minnesota. Their Mennonite Church forbade the use of decoration, although quilts were allowed for utilitarian reasons. Their graphic patterns, always geometric, of plain, rather sombre colours, but made with fine, neat stitching, possess all the harmony of colour and tone of a Rothko painting. It is these Amish quilts that, together with such American Indian textiles as Navaho blankets, have been claimed as an aesthetic victory for the anonymous non-theoretical values of decorative arts.



Quilts were made not only for winter warmth but as "best" bedding to brighten up the home. Great pride went into these, as Aunt Jane of Kentucky said in 1900: "When I'm dead and gone there ain't anybody goin' to think o' the floors I've swept, and the tables I've scrubbed, and the stockin' I've darned, but when one of my grandchildren or great-grandchildren sees one of these quilts, they'll think about Aunt Jane, and wherever I am, I'll know I ain't forgotten."

The most spectacular of the American quilts were applied, the technique lending itself more readily to pictorial subjects. Sometimes the entire surface would be one large design; sometimes individual blocks were made, edged with a wide and elaborate border, as in the intricate Album quilt which were especially popular in the Baltimore area. These were made as gifts by groups of women, each of whom made one square. The subjects of the squares, which were often signed and dated, depicted motifs special to the recipient, although birds and flowers remained firm favourites.

Collectors of American folk art especially value those quilts that commemorate local events - from an engagement or 21st birthday to a fund-raising during the Civil War.

Quilts have formed an important part of the folk art market in America for some time, but tend not to be appreciated here. The strong American market has driven up prices, so that while a Welsh or English quilt might sell for up to £300, a fairly ordinary American quilt fetches £500 and a good quilt up to an astonishing £2,500. Nevertheless, there is far more variety of design among American quilts, which also tend to be bolder and more graphic than the often haphazard English patterns. It is no coincidence that the American piecwork patterns are inspiring a new and vigorous generation of quiltmakers both here and in America. Crane Folk Art Americana, 171a Sloane Street, London SW1, always have about 20 American quilts in stock, from £400 to £2,500. For quilts to use as bedcovers, from £80 to £500. The Patchwork Dog and The Cat, 21 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1; and Paul Taylor and Ron Simpson, Llandiloes, Powys (telephone 0651631 for an appointment). The American Museum in Britain, Claverton Manor, near Bath, has an extensive collection of quilts.

## 'Your mother wouldn't like it'

Have parents ever approved of what their teenage offspring insist on wearing? Judy Froshaug talks to some families who have reached an amiable compromise



Daughter: Katie Ellis 14 (above, left): I like being comfortable and occasionally to look smart. This is my favourite pair of jeans and I like the hole in the knee. I buy Banetton. Next and Flip if I can afford it - baby-sitting money has helped a lot.

Her mother Jean says: Basically I let her wear what she likes. When she was little she rebelled like all little girls - now I feel proud of the way she looks. There's no rivalry: she just looks much better in clothes than I do!

Daughter: Rawlene Evelyn 14 (right): I like to be different - I love big jackets which I borrow from my dad - baggies, silk shirt, tie and a trilby. I hate minis because I hate my legs. Sometimes my mother refuses to go out with me because of my clothes.

Her father Vernon says: The problem is not whether I like her clothes but whether I can afford them. Actually I think she looks well in the large jacket and tie - but her mother is much more conventional. I try to adopt a logical attitude: this is their time, we had ours.



Daughter: Beed Whiting 15: I'm more normal since I stopped wearing the hats (58 at the last count). I wear any old thing at home. I might dress up for a party or to go to the pub - and I like high heels but I can't walk on them. My mother nags sometimes.

Mother: Joan Whiting: Thank God, Madness and Doctor Marten's boots are over, though she still wears the too-small jeans. She can look stunning if she wears something pretty with nice make-up.

Do the words "you are not going to look like that while you're under my roof" mean anything to you? If not you are unlikely to have, or have had, a teenager in the house.

Alternatively you belong to the minority of parents who have watched a child metamorphose from larva to imago with grace - and your full approval - or you believe in letting your child dress however he or she pleases.

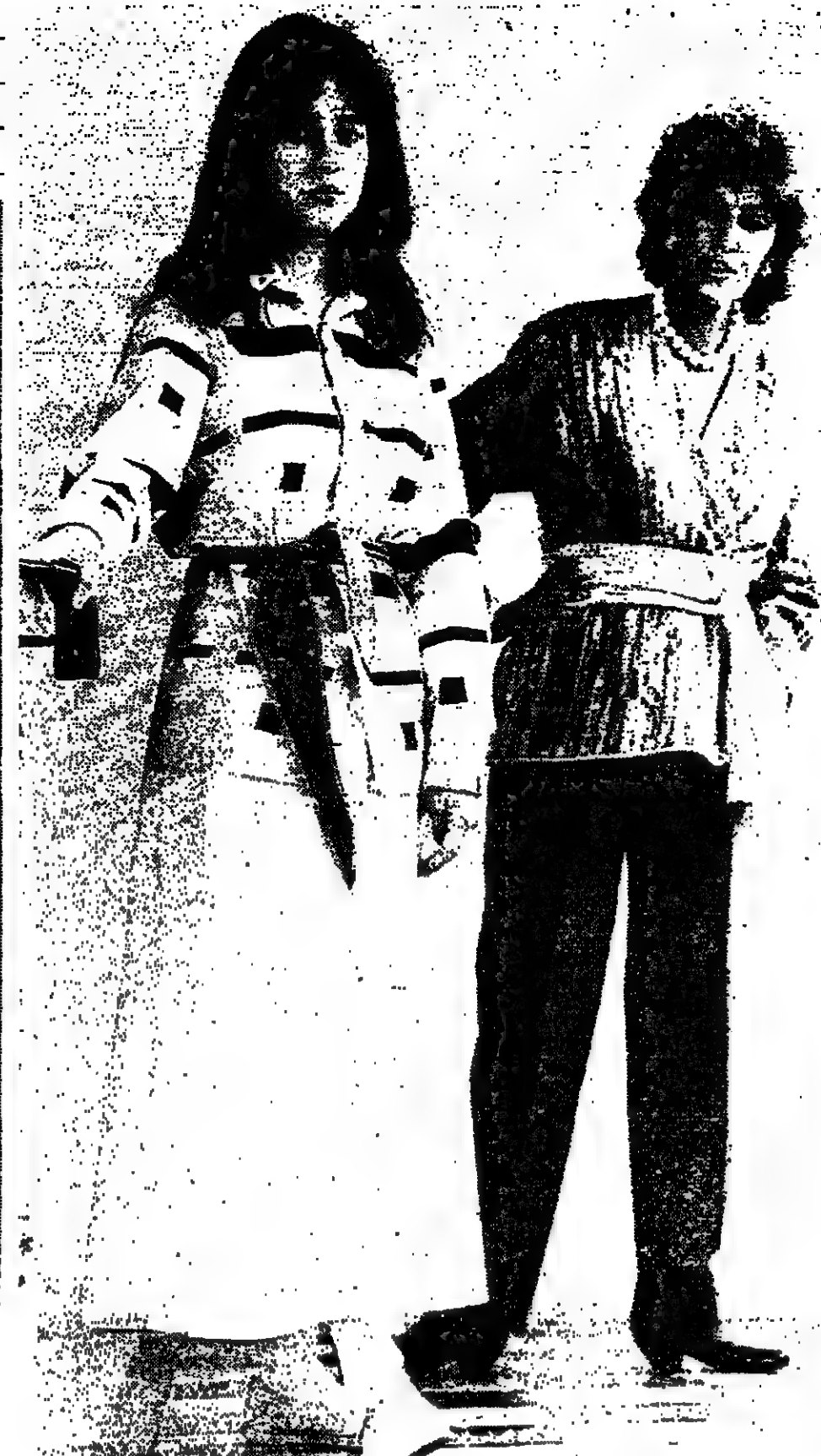
It would be much easier if we didn't mind how our children looked; if we could accept with stoicism what we know to be true - that they must flout our authority, affront our sensibilities, overturn the image we have created in order not only

to be accepted by their peers - be they "trendy" or "casual" - but also to find an identity of their own. Instead, with historical repetitiveness, we often try to impose our will on theirs.

We forget when we stare at the daughter who looks like a lab technician crossed with a market porter (or at the other extreme, as one mother described her 14-year-old, "something that's shrunk in the wash") or the son with a head like a red hot poker and feet deformed by "blocks" and two inches of foam - that we tortured our hair into beehives and our still plant toes into winkle-pickers, exposed our legs from ankle to buttock with defiant bravado and wore

make-up that would have delighted a mortician. We regret the passage of the nurtured infant who has been usurped by a spotty, smelly teenager; we worry that our sons will look like spivs, our daughters like tarts - as much because it implies that we are negligent as because we are genuinely worried that they will come to harm by giving a false impression of themselves. We who created unisex are bothered by our androgynous young, wanting them to make their sexual identity clear.

What we resent most is the fact that when all the sartorial advice has been given, the vetos issued, the shouting spent, the teenagers of today usually get their own way and dress exactly



Daughter: Corinne Lambert 14: I like skirts and skirts but my mother prefers me in trousers. I love coordinated colours, hate black and white and tight tops. I trust my mother's judgement - she's been a model, an actress, a designer and she has wonderful taste. I want her to comment until the day I don't need her advice any more.

Mother: Lily Lambert: At her age I was thin and straight like a boy, she is much more mature. She has a great eye for colour. We only disagree over details - the fringe, say, or a skirt length. I was brought up to dress for occasions; today anything goes, which is a bit sad but always a challenge.



Son: Dominic Mahon 15 (above, left): I wouldn't do anything too outrageous but I'd like to. I love bright shirts and I bleach my hair. My mother and I had a lot of arguments about that but now I'm a bit older and she's quietened down.

His mother Pauline says: Last year was awful - everything had to be black and the hair was spiked with gel. Many times we left him at home but gradually we've compromised.

Son: Daniel Collins 14 (right): My mother has a children's clothes shop so she's got a good idea of current fashion and we rarely disagree.

His mother Irene says: He has an allowance and a Saturday job so if he wants something special he saves and then I give the yea or nay - it's usually yea. Sometimes I think he overdoes the patterns.

What they don't realize is that they are as conventional as preceding generations, abstracting from the extreme style-setters what they need - and can afford. When asked whether their mothers mind what they wear, a typical reaction is one of puzzlement. "My mother mind?" said one girl. "I've never thought about it... I wear what I like." A chorus of agreement from her friends. I spoke to her mother later. "She's quite right - I gave up 'minding' on her 13th birthday. I think she looks a mess - but then my mother thought the same of me when I was her age."

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## A clear case of misunderstanding

Last Friday afternoon, travelling by train from Hull to Maidstone, my daughter lost her weekend case. To be more precise, it went missing between Doncaster and King's Cross, where she discovered, in its place on the luggage rack, an almost identical though slightly more battered version of her own.

She took the case and went in search of assistance. The first uniformed British Rail employee she approached muttered that this sort of thing happened all the time, didn't it? and walked away. She took the case to Lost Property and explained the situation. The case was opened and found to contain a change of clothes but no means of identification; my daughter's case had been crammed with practically every garment she possesses and also had no means of identification. The pleasant man at the Lost Property office asked her where she had left it on the train and when she said "In the luggage rack", admonished her gently that she should never leave luggage there. He took her name and telephone number and suggested she wait around for a while in case her missing luggage turned up.

My daughter telephoned me

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Jennifer Persad

to explain what had happened. She said she would catch the next train home. I rang King's Cross and spoke to a cheerful girl who suggested I try Lost Property. They would phone the stations between King's Cross and Doncaster to see if my daughter's case had been handed in along the line. The man at Lost Property told me, in a friendly manner, that my daughter had left her case in a silly place (at that stage I didn't know she had left it in the luggage rack) but he was doing what he could, but the Lost Property Office would be closed over the weekend, so anyone trying to contact it over Saturday or Sunday would be out of luck. Left Luggage, however, would be open most of the weekend so it might be an idea to contact them, which I did.

A very confused man at Left Luggage told me he didn't know anything about it. I asked him if he could make a note of my daughter's name and phone

number just in case. The trouble was, he explained, there were two shifts over the weekend and he would not be there all the time. Speaking slowly and raising my voice only slightly I asked if he could possibly leave a message in a prominent position so both shifts would see it.

To our delight, we did not have to wait long. A phone call came around 8pm from British Rail Transport Police. They had my daughter's case at Stowmarket. It had to be exchanged for the one at King's Cross, but they would be in touch and make the necessary arrangements to get it to Maidstone. The weekend passed. Relieved that the case had turned up, we only once or twice wondered uncharitably how long it took to send luggage from Stowmarket to Maidstone.

Monday, a call from Stowmarket. The case would be despatched by Red Star overnight, be in Maidstone at 8.15 am on Tuesday. By 9.15am it was there, safe and sound, with only £1.20 to pay. Relief and delight all round. My daughter is back in Hull now. I hesitated to ask her whether she had her suitcase clearly labelled - and whether she left it in the luggage rack.

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## THE TIMES DIARY

### Virgin on the ridiculous

It is not only the depths of the Atlantic to which Virgin chairman Richard Branson sinks. He has just embarked on an incredible series of schoolboy jokes which - as he must have been forewarned - are going seriously wrong. To promote *The Complete Revenge Kit*, which Virgin issues on September 10, it has distributed hundreds of advance kits to its sales force, the press and others. In it are spoof "official" letters, which recipients are now sending to unwitting members of the public. One is headed Foto-Sure Developing and Printing Services of 1-6 Honeywell Yard, Kenilworth, London NW5. It reads "We regret we are unable to print the above film as it contravenes the Obscene Publications Act 1968... being a licensed business, we are obliged to forward any such material to the Director of Public Prosecutions, whose property it becomes pending any prosecution proceedings." Yesterday Virgin admitted that one was opened by a woman who was nine months pregnant. "She had a fit. She thought her husband must be having an affair and they were dirty pictures. Her husband had to drive 300 miles to comfort her."

### Signing off

A BBC producer rang yesterday to tell me the "Special Duties Management" sign on the door of Room 105 at Broadcasting House - where staff are allegedly vetted by M15 - has been removed, and a security officer is now in situ outside. When approached by my informant, the officer told him: "They are still working in there, whoever they might be." The producer added that his fellow staff are also somewhat alarmed by the definition given in the telephone directory to Brigadier Ronnie Sionham, the occupant of room 105. While the director general, Alistair Milne, and his assistant, Alan Protheroe, are labelled "Management", Sionham is listed as "The Management."

### Slip catch

Former England cricket captain Mike Denness, arriving to play for a Kent team against Old England at Canterbury on Sunday, opened his blue and white hotel to reveal to the vast amusement of Messrs Cowdrey, Trueman, Titmus etc - a collection of bras, petticoats and panties. The previous day, it seems, Denness went to see his wife off from Tunbridge Wells station and dashed home to fetch the holdall, which she had left behind. He failed to make the train and left it in the boot beside his similarly-coloured kitbag. When he left home on Sunday morning, he picked up the wrong one. Team mates kidded him out.

BARRY FANTONI



### Cropped

It will be interesting to hear Richard Wainwright's views on unemployment in his new role as Liberal employment spokesman. The Manpower Services Commission recently received an application for a trainee gardener to join the full-time gardener who tends Wainwright's six-acre garden in Adel, Leeds. Wainwright would obviously pay nothing for the services of such a trainee as he or she would be employed under the Government's Youth Training Scheme. The MSC however, has rejected the application because it feels that the trainee would be taking a job that should be filled by a second full-time gardener.

### Silent lesson

Winner of our eighth bottle of champagne is the Diary's search for revelations about the famous before they became well known. It is Beryl Newman of Chertsey, Surrey. She writes: "When I was a young, inexperienced teacher in a grammar school in the late 1940s, it was my unhappy lot to try to teach the fifth form, who found me a complete joke. One day, the real humorist in the form found it amusing to hide under the teacher's desk as I entered the room, much to the entertainment of the rest of the class. I pretended not to notice him, and left him to cool his heels for the whole lesson. Forty minutes later, he emerged somewhat deflated." Who was it? Norman Willis, now general secretary of the TUC.

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# Prisons: follow Winston's lead

by Andrew Rutherford

Soon after Leon Brittan became Home Secretary he was told that his prison building boom would send a signal to judges, magistrates and decision makers throughout the criminal justice system that there were cells just waiting to be filled.

There were then 43,000 people in jail. Today the prison population is at a record level of over 48,000. Yet Brittan still believes he can build his way out of the overcrowding crisis.

With his announcement last week that a former RAF base is to take 1,000 prisoners, the target for new prison places rises to about 13,000. Although he has spoken of the need to use alternatives to custody, the Home Secretary's actions have firmly emphasized expanding the apparatus of incarceration rather than seeking reductions in the number of people in prison.

Anxieties arising from the miners' dispute and violence at football matches may have contributed to a public mood underlying the sharp rise in the prison population since the beginning of this year. In this public mood the Home Secretary has a special responsibility to use the influence of his office to establish a climate conducive to calm and rational criminal justice policy.

In February 1981, with the prison population approaching 44,000, William

Whitelaw told Leicestershire magistrates: "A continued increase in the prison population could not be sustained - so on present trends, I should be obliged to consider what legislative measures could be taken." Whitelaw was ready to consider a new scheme of automatic parole, but the inner city disturbances, judicial opposition and the defeat of the platform's motion on law and order at the Conservative Party conference led him to expand the prison building programme.

Last year Brittan abandoned the commitment made in 1981 to undertake work on minimum prison standards. As the prison building programme absorbs an increasing proportion of the prison budget, the results of the inevitable trade-off between capacity and conditions is becoming alarmingly apparent. Workshops and classes are being cut, visiting arrangements curtailed and young people increasingly held in adult prisons. His hopes of ending overcrowding by the end of the decade look more remote than ever.

With the Tory party conference only two months away Brittan may feel that he has little scope for changing course. But the

position is too grave to risk it being further inflamed by the cruder instincts of some Conservatives. There is much that can and should be done. A preliminary step would be to use ministerial powers under the Criminal Justice Act of 1982 to order the release of certain categories of prisoner with less than six months to serve.

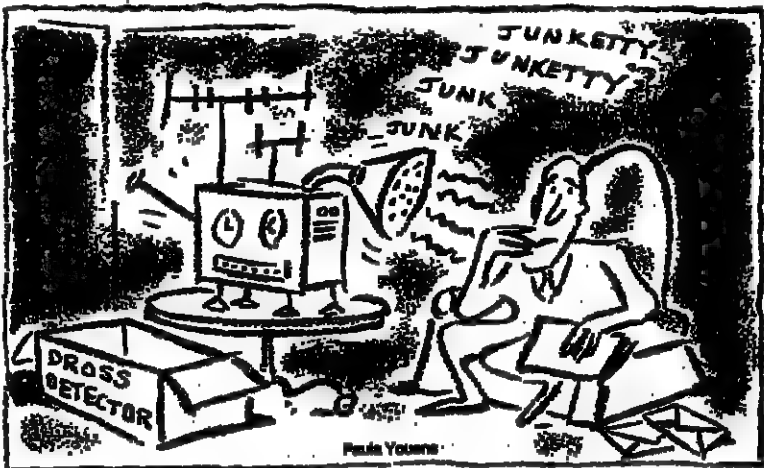
The crucial task ahead is to create a public mind which regards prison as a scarce resource and a last resort. This task is not one for the Home Secretary alone, but his contribution is vital and requires a high level of political leadership.

Although only Home Secretary for 20 months, during 1910-11, Winston Churchill described imprisoning petty offenders as being "a terrible and purposeless waste of public money and human character". He used his powers of executive clemency to release persons whom he regarded as inappropriately imprisoned. The accession of King George V was the occasion to grant special remission to many more. These and other actions taken by Churchill cut the prison population by half during the next decade.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

## Glossing over real needs



A catalogue comes unbidden through the letter-box. I examine it idly at the breakfast-table. It offers useful or necessary things like luggage, toolkits, domestic electrical apparatus, kitchen equipment, furniture, stationery and office sundries, toys, clothes. It also contains - well, let it speak for itself.

● Ready in a couple of minutes. That's how long it takes for your nails to dry with this battery operated nail-drier. Having painted your nails, place them under the drier, press the panel switch, wait a couple of minutes and your nails will be ready for action. Batteries not supplied. £14.95.

There is a photograph of this indispensable device. It is made of a plastic, shaped rather like a hamburger in its bun, and perhaps four or five inches across. A hand, with painted nails, is seen making use of it.

On the next page, there is an Earring Caddy. The anonymous author of the prose continues: ● Keeping earrings together. Earrings often get lost around the bedroom or left around the house. Gather them together with this beautiful little brass Earring Caddy. The lid is covered in burgundy leather and it features an in-built mirror. There are six compartments for your earrings and your initials are gold-blocked on the exterior.

The Earring Caddy will set you back only £3.95; a snip, I should say. The Shower Caddy costs a little more - £7.95 - but then, "Taking a shower can be made so much easier with this clever little Shower Caddy". It is, we learn, "Made from durable plastic: there are two shelves to take shampoo, face flannel, conditioner, etc. and a soap dish. We are assured that, 'You'll wonder how you got by without it'."

The same is true, only more so, of the dual-purpose, meter that inspects your plant's health: the two purposes are respectively a moisture-tester and a light-measure. Readings "are displayed instantly", and presumably if they show a deficiency you no less instantly provide your plant with more moisture or more light. (Now at last I know what Beethoven's last words were: "More moisture".)

Finally, there is "Wet Tunes", a waterproof radio that is fixed on the shower wall with Velcro, so that, "When you are singing in the shower, you can now be accompanied by the music of your choice, be it Frank Sinatra or Frankie Goes to Hollywood". (I know what you're going to say, you old cynic of a reader - what if you don't like either kind of music? The answer will wipe the smug off your face - presumably with the face-flannel in the Shower Caddy: "Alternatively you could simply listen to the news".) It costs £24.95; never mind the width, feel the quality.

One thing I must make clear

immediately, I do not believe that the manufacture and sale (for £14.95) of a battery-operated finger-nail-drier should be prohibited, restricted or even specially taxed; no doubt Mr Michael Meacher, when he is Minister of the State Economy in Mr Woodrow Benn's government, will lay before the House of Commons an Order, under the Discouragement of Bourgeois Privilege at the expense of the Proletariat Act, requiring the manufacturers to cease producing it and re-tool their factory to turn out ration-book holders instead, but since he will have by then closed down the Tate Gallery under the same statute we probably shall not notice.

For my part, I have always found charming the sight of an elegantly dressed lady fluttering her hands through the air to dry her jet-painted fingernails, and Lavish Jack Levin is hardly going to worry about the taxi clock ticking up outside the door while she does so. Besides, the battery-operated nail-drier ("batteries not supplied", though) guarantees dry nails in a couple of minutes, although I have never held a stopwatch while waiting for the manually-operated version to be completed (she might think I was worried about the taxi), I don't think it ever takes more than a couple of minutes anyway. But tastes differ: those who want battery-operated fingernail driers, brass earring caddies with six compartments and their initials on the burgundy leather, and/or moisture-testers for the garden and shower caddies for the bathroom are entitled to have them, and those who have realized that there is a market for them are entitled to make and sell them.

Only I do sometimes wonder whether it is really the harlot's cry from street to street that shall weave Old England's winding-sheet, or whether it will be a different cry altogether: "Come buy! Come buy!" A few years ago, there was a "Christmas catalogue" that advertised a gift "for the man who has everything", which consisted of a solid gold finger with which the everything-owner was to dial tele-

phone-numbers. But that, I assumed, was a jest, as was (at least) I hope it was the Neighbourhood catalogue that one year offered H-Bomb Shelters. The manufacturers of earring caddies, waterproof radios and machines for telling you whether the soil you are standing on is wet or dry are presumably serious.

If nobody wants their goods, they will go out of business: that is what is known as the operation of the market. (Of course, the Labour Party and points left will argue that people are persuaded by the advertising to buy things they do not really want, but I will take the argument seriously only when it is applied to the advertising for football-pools and indeed for the Labour Party.) The problem, of course, is: how do we teach people not to want such goods?

Certainly not by lecturing them, despising them or putting obstacles in their way. It is not at all clear to me that *tout passe, tout casse, tout passe* has the design of making people buy less. It is, however, a device for telling them what the time is in Tokyo as well as where they are (£14.95). Soon after they get it (allow 28 days for receipt) they return to the feeling that there is something missing and decide, perhaps, that it is The Hot Rod, a mild immersion heater that you plug in, place in the cup of liquid, turn on and within a matter of minutes you have a piping hot drink (£7.95). But soon after it arrives the same old feeling of disappointment will be felt again.

There is nothing wrong with owning a mechanical fingernail-drier. The mistake is to believe that the emptiness which cries out to be filled can be filled with such novelties. What we need is an advertising campaign to sell, instead of novelties, oldies - by which I mean not second-hand earning caddies but self-understanding, contentment grounded in feeling the ancient conviction that the universe is the right way up and knows what it is about. These things cannot be illustrated in a glossy catalogue, on the other hand, they are free for the taking, or at least the seeking, and there is no charge at all, let alone £2.50, for postage and packing.

people will want to buy it - and enough people, moreover, to give him a profit. Let us suppose he is right, and that he is not, there have been objects far more absurd and even disgusting which have had a great vogue, even if only for a short time. What is it that makes people send off £14.95 (plus £2.50 for postage) for such nonsense?

It cannot be satiety; there are plenty of wants unfulfilled that must have a higher priority than an earring caddy. Obviously, it is not need, either: nobody needs a machine to tell him when to water the garden. It cannot even be acquisitiveness; nobody is going to think himself ahead of his neighbours if he has a marble rolling-pin (£6.95) or a pill-box with a built-in alarm clock when to take his medicine (£14.95), nor are the said neighbours going to be impressed by a key-ring which bleeps when you lose it (£12.95) or a luggage-strap with your name (up to 18 letters) on it (£3.95).

It is, I think, the search for novelty; the very word has acquired an entirely new meaning, not the original, neutral "newness" but an object sold to lie about the house collecting dust until it is tired of and thrown away. There is a restlessness in our air that makes people dissatisfied with what they have got, and makes them want not more things but other things. Such people are not greedy; they are simply trying to fill an unrecognized need: material want with a safely intelligible material one. Looking round the possessions they already have, they find something missing, and persuade themselves that it is a device for telling them what the time is in Tokyo as well as where they are (£14.95). Soon after they get it (allow 28 days for receipt) they return to the feeling that there is something missing and decide, perhaps, that it is The Hot Rod, a mild immersion heater that you plug in, place in the cup of liquid, turn on and within a matter of minutes you have a piping hot drink (£7.95). But soon after it arrives the same old feeling of disappointment will be felt again.

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## Desert signpost to prosperity

Opinions differ about the real cause of the Ethiopian famine. But one thing is certain: the blame will be placed, in the end, on the West. For only western governments are responsive to blame. This feature, which ought to silence blame, serves rather to attract it. After all, you cannot blame Colonel Mengistu, who is only obeying his instructions; nor can you blame his masters in the Kremlin, who are obeying theirs.

The situation in Ethiopia is to a small extent clarified by a glance at neighbouring Arabia. Following our insane reclamation of Aden, the Soviet Union succeeded in establishing a "People's Republic of South Yemen", and so gained control of the base which commands the Horn of Africa. The unfortunate Yemenis were subjected to the yoke of communism, while their masters began to look further afield - westwards to Ethiopia, and northwards to Oman. The destiny of Ethiopia is therefore usefully compared with that of Oman, a country which has also been plagued by drought and civil war, and yet which, thanks in part to the British Army, and in part to Sultan Qaboos who was trained by it, has kept communism at bay.

The southern part of Oman - the Dhofar - borders on the new Marxist republic, and the Yemenis, under Soviet guidance, established centres for training and indoctrinating those Dhofari tribesmen who could be enticed or dragged across the border. The Soviet propaganda machine - acting partly through its acolyte, the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam - broadcast to the world the sad plight of the Omanis in their "national liberation struggle" against a feudal sultanate.

Fred Halliday, a fellow of the Transnational Institute of Economics, wrote a book for the British market, and the western press responded, as it always responds, with a bland affectation of neutrality, so consigning the Omanis to their fate. The Soviet Union hoped for an easy victory. The hereditary sultanate was a recent invention, and Sultan Said bin Taimur had studiously resisted the reforms that might have purchased the acquiescence. If not the affection of his subjects, Ibadis Muslims believe that the Prophet's successor cannot inherit his office but must be elected by those whose dignity fits them for so sacred a task. The last elected Imam had been deposed by Sultan Said and had fled to Saudi Arabia. In such circumstances, the Dhofar tribesmen, many of whom had adopted neither the Arabic language nor the sophisticated customs of Muscat, were ripe for rebellion.

When Qaboos deposed his father in 1970 his first act was to conclude a military agreement with Britain. Before the Soviet campaign had reached its climax he had activated this agreement, and the rebellion in the Dhofar was over. With characteristic magnanimity the young Sultan invited the rebels into his army and civil service, there to cooperate in his Atatürkian plan of development.

Oman possesses a commodity

moreover... Miles Kingdon

## Who put the mon in monsieur?

Two years ago the Edinburgh Festival bravely celebrated links between Edinburgh and Vienna, finding out in the process that there had indeed been at least one link: Charles Rennie Mackintosh, a Glaswegian, had been to Vienna. Nothing daunted, they are this year celebrating links between Scotland and France, and in case anyone thinks there have been links at all, I am proud to offer this brief historical survey of contacts between the two, which can be cut out and used as a background briefing for a visit to the exhibitions or, indeed, as a substitute for a trip to Edinburgh.

1574. Mary is given the job of Queen of Scots, alone among all the candidates she had work experience of being a Queen elsewhere, i.e. in France. But her French habits did not endear her to the natives, especially when she was found making advances to her Italian secretary Rizzio when she should have been dictating letters. She was found guilty of sexual harassment in the office and Rizzio was put to death. Legislation has subsequently been moved in an effort to get the guilty party punished, not the victim.

1745. Prince Charles Edward arrives in Scotland from France, to apply for the post of Queen of Scots. But despite a Scottish tour of several months dressed as a woman, the idea does not appeal and he retires to France a broken man and a disappointed woman. He is recognized as Charles III only by Italy, Spain, and the World Boxing Association.

1764. Voltaire and his faithful biographer Rousseau arrive in Scotland to write their great travel work *Walking Holiday Dans les Highlands d'Ecosse*. Voltaire's opening remark to the Scots was: "I defend to the death your right to live here, but..." but the rest was lost in a thunderstorm. On first tasting Scots ale, he is supposed to have said: "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la bière." When the book was published, there was great anger in Scotland on finding he had not given a single restaurant the coveted rosette.

1789. The French Revolution starts in Glasgow with the production of the first cheap, mass-produced all-weather guillotine by Ferguson of Clydebank, who became the official supplier to the French Republic. Their chief salesman, Sidney Carton, devised the slogan: "Tis a far, far better thing, and the after-sales

which is attractive to western markets: oil. It is possible that Ethiopia possesses such commodities, but until western capital is made welcome there, Communism will ensure Ethiopia's poverty, while Qaboos's enlightened autocracy opens Oman to trade. A country that until 1970 was virtually without hospitals, roads or schools, and whose population had been governed by custom, Sharia and ceaselessly fragmenting tribal loyalties is now a modern state, with welfare facilities, roads, schools, modern industry and modern communications. There is even to be a university in Muscat, although opinion is divided as to the wisdom of importing so dangerous an institution into a society that has for centuries been innocent of education.

Oman, like Yemen and Ethiopia, bears the visible mark of a mature culture: Forts and watchtowers, walled towns and villages, terraces, wells and waterways impress upon the stony landscape the marks of an ancient way of life. The religion is the religion of the desert, where man is alone with God and disposed patiently to accept his commandments. The Ibadis are on the whole tolerant and suspicious of enthusiasm. Only in the matter of the elected Imam do they claim any superior wisdom to their fellow Muslims, and even so they concede that an Imam is neither always required nor always desirable. Prosperity has come rapidly to the towns and villages, and even to the Bedouin, who now cross the desert in motorized convoys, their camels croaking from the gated backs of cattle trucks. It is not surprising, therefore, if the Omanis have about as much traditional reserve, attached themselves to the Sultan.

Nobody who knew the facts would enter the 20th century if he could avoid it. For centuries Arabs have made the wise choice of remaining in the dark ages, governed by custom and holy law, secure in the recognition that true religion, true poetry, and true companionship are not only the best that man can hope for, but all that he really needs. It is easy, therefore, to sympathize with Sultan Said, who recoiled from the brave new world of petrodollars and who hoped to shut it out. However, such a course is no longer open. The Arab lands must make the choice which the 20th century forces on them: to yield to communism, or to resist it.

If they resist and prosper they will certainly be vilified. Westerners are more disposed, in the end, to accept the tyranny of communism than an autocracy which stands in its way. Autocracy, however enlightened, offends the modern conscience, while communism, however cruel, placates it. For communism enforces the dominant religion of the age: the religion of human equality. This religion will make life as hard for Sultan Qaboos as it has made it easy for Colonel Mengistu. But it has not yet brought famine to Oman.

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## How Hitler reformed Whitehall

The furore over top people's pay has diverted attention from the immensely more important need to attract talented outsiders into government service if the state is to be well managed. The attempts so far have been feeble and expensive. The alibis for inertia are familiar enough: pay differentials between private sector and public service; difficulties over pension contributions; companies willing to release only their mediocrities; the problems of adapting to the Whitehall culture.

But this has not always been so. Recent history provides an example of a most successful transfusion of new blood. Are there lessons here?

In one of the many unworked seams at the Public Record Office at Kew are papers describing how in the 1930s the Ministry of Labour compiled an "Intellectuals List" of talented outsiders who would need to be recruited from the universities, industry, the City and the professions to run the Home Front in the event of war. When war came, 80,000 had been found and catalogued, their names stored on filing cards in a converted shop, 569 Chiswick High Road in West London. It became the scene of Whitehall's most successful personnel operation ever.

The story began on March 18, 1936, 11 days after Hitler reoccupied the Rhineland. Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary of the Cabinet, wrote to Sir Warren Fisher, Head of the Civil Service, and suggested the lessons of 1914-18 be applied in case of another conflict.

A list of new wartime departments was prepared and thought

given to who should staff them. A sub-committee pondered how to prevent a repetition of the experience of the Great War in which a substantial proportion of the country's brightest scientists perished on the western front. Then the vice-chancellor of the secret service, were drawn into the planning.

It was a fairly desultory business until the 1938 Munich crisis. Then Whitehall sprang into action. Lord Franks, at that time Professor of Moral Philosophy at Glasgow, recalls: "In September 1938 we all had a bit of paper from the Ministry of Labour which said 'Do you undertake to go wherever you are sent in the event of a national emergency?'"

By December, the professional institutes of engineers, architects and the like were involved. A central register was created under the direction of Beryl Power, an ex-suffragette who had pioneered the way for women in the senior Civil Service. Compiling the list was not easy. Miss Power was deluged by volunteers including, as an assistant put it, "cantankerous barmy aunts, opportunists, egotists and cranks." Placing the good ones was haphazard and sometimes arbitrary. The War Office predicted that subversive would slip through since "the more dangerous element would have taken the trouble to obtain first-rate references." Philby and Blunt proved it right.

When war came, Miss Power was ready. On Monday September 4, 1939, Professor Franks received a telegram which simply said: "Go to the Ministry of Supply." He caught

the sleeper that night and within six years was a permanent secretary at the age of 39. Another young academic, Dr William Penney of Imperial College, was summoned to work on underwater explosions, mulberry harbours for D-Day and later the atomic bomb. If anybody deserves the title father of the British nuclear programme, it is he.

The equivalents of Franks and Penney, often young unknowns, all paid the Civil Service rate, whatever their previous job, poured into the economic departments and the secret world, the most powerful concentration of intellect heading for Bletchley Park, where they cracked the German codes - inventing the computer in the process. Everywhere, hierarchies crumbled and bureaucratic rigidities melted. The modernization of Whitehall, a challenge which had eluded peacetime reformers since Northcote and Trevelyan, was achieved overnight.

The wartime reform did not last after 1945 because we neither tried nor cared to devise its peacetime equivalent. This represents probably the greatest lost opportunity in the history of British public administration. The irregulars, one by one, went back to their universities, their companies, and their law practices as if they were soldiers receiving a handshake and a demob suit. The old hierarchies reasserted themselves. The scientists and professionals who remained were once more on tap, not on top.

But any future prime minister wishing to freshen up the Civil Service could apply lessons from 1939-45. The first is that superb

human capital resides in Britain, albeit scattered in a diaspora of the intellect. Secondly, when looking for new blood, merit and capability - not political conviction - must be the criteria.

But the irregulars must be used properly. Here ministers are crucial. The justly renowned economic section of the War Cabinet Office languished until Sir John Anderson acquired political responsibility for it. New blood must also be transfused regularly if it is not to go stale or go native.

One way to bring in new blood would be in task forces addressing specific problems, but care should be taken that outsiders are not isolated. Even with money short, these gifted outsiders, appointed on contract, will have to be paid competitive salaries. Appeals to altruism or patriotism alone will not do, although many outsiders would be willing to serve for less than lavish salaries.

Today there is no enemy army at the Channel ports, but the problems facing Britain are again so severe that the luxury of failing to use the country's intellectual capital cannot be afforded.

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## MI5 AND THE BBC

Another glimpse is afforded of the intimacy of the BBC's relations with the state apparatus; and for the second time in a month the relations are made to look decidedly improper. Some adjustment of attitude among onlookers must be taking place, and on this occasion nowhere more uncomfortably than among students of the BBC on the right of the political crescent. They have always known that the corporation is prey to pinks, perverts, entryists, Sinn Féiners, moral neutralists and so on. What they may not have known is that the witches' brew has been concocted with the assistance of MI5 and a backroom brigadier seated in Broadcasting House itself. That they are to make of that - that their image of the BBC is a thought too ripe, or that MI5 is even less capable of spotting a bad egg than the disclosures in the Bettany affair suggested?

Mr Alasdair Milne, the director general of the BBC, has said that the report in *The Observer* was greatly over-dramatized. The statement by the corporation yesterday does not remove the impression that there has been a misuse of the state security service of a pretty drastic kind.

The Radcliffe report on Security Procedures in the Public Service, still the best account of the matter though it was written in 1962, begins with these words: "In the context of our inquiry we have taken 'security' to mean the safeguarding of such information in the possession of the Government as would by its unauthorized disclosure cause injury to the interests of the country." Precisely. The purpose of the purge and positive vetting procedures, of the intelligence files on persons, of the security services' (MI5's) finger in every Whitehall department's security precautions, is to prevent access being gained to secrets of value to an enemy by persons whose loyalty to the state is suspect or whose character makes them susceptible to blackmail by the agent of a foreign power. The procedures may be applied by extension to some who are not state servants, the employees of defence contractors, for instance. But always the objective is the protection of secret information. That has very limited application to the BBC. Perhaps a handful of administrators there need to know more than it would be safe to divulge generally about

plans for the maintenance of communications if the nation comes under attack; for the BBC has a doomsday role to play in that eventuality, under the direction of the government.

But the journalists, producers and executives of the BBC do not as part of their job have access to state secrets. They may as a reward for their enterprise worm out material covered by the Official Secrets Act from time to time, but that is a different thing, an ambition of news hunters of every description. The routine references to MI5 at the points of recruitment and promotion in the news departments of the BBC must serve some other purpose; and it is obvious what that purpose is.

It is to preserve the BBC from penetration by subversives or extremists who might undermine its objectives from within or manipulate its services with ulterior motive. That is a very sensible precaution which any organization engaged in the dissemination of news and opinion is bound to take. But by turning to MI5 the BBC has turned the wrong way. Neither is it the business of MI5 to get drawn into that game. Nor, to judge from *The Observer's* examples, is it much good at it either.

Journalists at any level who are committed to values that contradict those of the organization they work for, or use it as cover for the propagation of inimical interests, betray themselves not in their affiliations or the company they keep, but in what they produce. It is a straightforward matter of editorial control to detect them, correct them and if necessary weed them out. If distortion or subversion is not on the face of their work, offered for public consumption, then where's the harm? It no more needs MI5 to spot it than it needs the Spanish Inquisition.

How the BBC got stuck with this legacy is a minor mystery. Can it be that the topmost brass does not trust the brass beneath it to do its editorial duty, and so the state security service is called in to do it? More likely it is a case of administrative inertia: a vetting procedure of sorts came down from the war; it seemed to fit the cold war; it was continued, it stuck; and it was not supposed to be known about. Now it is blown it had better be blown away.

## FEAR OF FLOATING?

Lord King, who has played such an important role in the transformation of British Airways as its chairman, once hoped that the state airline would have been privatized more than a year ago. It now seems most unlikely that the Government will be able to sell BA to the public before next spring, and after the end of the current financial year. Indeed, the Treasury already appears to have surveyed its portfolio of assets for alternatives to help meet public finance targets - a further sale of shares in Cable & Wireless is most likely.

The delay was brought first by investigations and reforms of the structure of British airline competition. Then the flotation was held up by the entirely proper attempts of the liquidator of Laker Airways to meet as many as possible of the claims of creditors by using the sympathies of American courts to sue British Airways and other transatlantic operators for their role in the demise of Laker Airways by what he claimed was unfair competition.

Although the Reagan Administration dropped an anti-trust suit against the big airlines, the liquidator made an out-of-court settlement that surpassed the expectations of many creditors, appeared as a sensible measuring of cash for creditors against the risk of a long law suit and was commended by the American judge who approved it.

Still, however, the legal actions (or potential legal actions) in the case of Sir Freddie Laker and Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland (of Lomrho) drag on. The case for delaying the flotation further, even indefinitely, to allow such cases to wind their way through the American legal system now looks weak in the wake of the settlement of the principal action, that of the liquidator.

Even so, British Airways would be only too happy if Sir Freddie would change his mind at the last moment and accept.

Even if he does not, however, there is little reason to delay flotation on that account. The privatization of BA is not simply a convenience for the Treasury. The airline is fully ready for the private sector and anxious to join it; despite arguments over the most desirable balance sheet structure. It is also being held back by its continued presence in the public sector, where financial demands constrain its desire to expand by buying more aircraft.

British Airways 1984-85 accounts have been held up pending the approval of the settlement with the Laker liquidator and the hoped-for out-of-court settlement later this year of a class action brought by American lawyers on behalf of airline passengers who claim to have lost cheap fares through the demise of Laker Airways.

Once that is achieved, the threat from further legal actions is unlikely to put off potential investors in British Airways, at least in this country. The liquidator claimed \$1.1 billion and settled for \$48 million. That would cost British Airways about £23 million plus legal fees. The threatened action from Sir Freddie and Lomrho has been billed as a claim for \$327 million over an alleged conspiracy to stop a planned replacement for Laker Airways getting off the ground. The realistic contingent liability for such claims compares with the possible £1 billion plus stock market value of an airline with rising profits that topped £200 million before tax last year.

Further delay would certainly be inconvenient for the Government, even though the need for extra share capital would prevent the full proceeds of the flotation passing into Treasury coffers. The future of the airline is more important. It was right that a state-backed organization with the market power of British Airways should have its market dominance questioned before flotation and be called to account if it abuses market power. That has now been done. Further actions would have no such significance. There is a time also for bluff to be called.

## Illusory need for railway guards

From the Editor of Railway Gazette International

Sir, The "protection" traditionally offered to passengers by a guard is an illusion. Only in recent years has British Rail stopped building commuter trains in which the guard is seated into a separate compartment with no means of reaching passengers in trouble. These trains will be in service for decades to come, but one hears little complaint from passengers or guards on that score.

To my certain knowledge, suburban trains crewed only by the driver are operated safely in France, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, and the Republic of Ireland. London Regional Transport is switching the whole of the District Line to driver-only operation this autumn - with the agreement of the National Union of Railwaymen - having successfully demonstrated the principle on the Circle Line.

As urban railway operators around the world have discovered, the twin objectives of security and revenue protection are best served by staff who are free to patrol trains and stations at random, backed up by good radio communications to deal with crises. What British Rail is seeking in London and Glasgow is the right to deploy staff when and where they are needed. Rigid insistence on one guard per train simply wastes money.

Alderman Waugh, of Strathclyde Regional Council, stated on August 14 that six of Glasgow's commuter lines will close if driver-only operation is not introduced by October 31. He means it, he is right; and he holds the purse-strings. Will this help passengers or railwaymen? Yours, etc.

RICHARD HOPE, Editor,  
Railway Gazette International,  
Quadrant House,  
Sutton,  
August 20.

## Paraplegics excluded

From Mr A. J. M. Cathro

Sir, The letter from Liz Finkelstein and Brenda Robbins (August 10) about the expulsion of the South African paraplegic team from Stoke Mandeville, should not go unchallenged.

To deal with one point only. They state that "black disabled people in South Africa... are not allowed to receive health care comparable to that of whites".

The paraplegic unit of Conradi Hospital in Cape Town, with a record second-to-none in the world, admits and treats patients of all races on an equal basis. It is a dreadful slur on the medical staff there to suggest that they have got two standards of treatment.

Furthermore, black paraplegics are transferred by ambulance and air to the Conradi Hospital from all over Cape Province entirely at Government expense, being resuscitated en route by dedicated white staff in no different manner from any other race.

I have no reason to suppose that conditions are otherwise in the rest of the Republic. There are thousands of honest people of all races in South Africa working quietly for racial harmony. To them the idea that banning a few paraplegics from Stoke Mandeville is in any way likely to hasten the end of apartheid must seem quite ludicrous. Yours faithfully,

A. J. M. CATHRO,  
Milton House,  
Newville, Angus.

## Board and lodging

From Mr Nicholas Warren

Sir, I do not know what sort of briefing the Prime Minister received before choosing to characterize the recent High Court board and lodging ruling as turning upon "a legal technicality" (report, August 14). The changes introduced by the DHSS at the end of April bore three unusual features.

First, the power of the independent appeal tribunals was severely restricted; second, the Secretary of State was empowered to change the law without reference to Parliament; finally, he was expressly forbidden from considering the merits of individual cases.

By this machinery, the lives of over 50,000 citizens were to be radically affected. Most Conservatives would be grateful that the common law protects us from such executive power. One test of the proposals which the Government will present to Parliament in October will be the extent to which they operate fairly within the rule of law.

Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS WARREN, Solicitor,  
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29 Grafton Street,  
Birkenhead, Merseyside.

## Britain and Unesco

From Mr Malcolm Skilbeck and Mr Malcolm Harper

Sir, Your leader article ("Seeing through the dream", August 15) attacks opponents of US and UK withdrawal from Unesco as sentimental dreamers who continue to regard the organisation as "an icon of liberal and internationalist ambition". "Reality" is that it has been seduced by "illiberal" member countries from East and South and become an "anti-colonial and anti-Western rhetorical playground". And so, in the true tradition of Podsnap, "Away with it".

The point missed is that Unesco, along with UN bodies, is an early, imperfect but thoroughly real attempt in the history of mankind to bring nations of widely differing ideologies, cultures and material security together. It offers them an opportunity to build a different experience of each other - that of

## Need for urgent action over Aids

From Dr John K. Oates and Dr Brian A. Evans

Sir, Your leader (August 16) on "Aids for Aids" is a model of accuracy and common sense. It stresses above all the need for urgent action in London, where the problem among male homosexuals is so serious in the district of Riverside and Paddington/North Kensington.

One third of such patients attending clinics in these districts are already infected with the HTLV-3 virus and hence are potentially infectious. A number of these men will develop Aids and related illnesses. Nearly all are anxious, worried patients whose medical management requires lengthy and repeated consultation along with investigation, explanations and reassurance. Frequent surveillance is often necessary and the epidemiological problems encountered are in many cases extremely complex and time-consuming.

None of the Riverside Health Authority's clinics have the premises, staff or laboratory back-up to cope adequately with the task of screening, contact-tracing and counselling those most at risk of infection as well as coping with the busy day-to-day routine work of a modern clinic dealing with sexually transmitted diseases. The need for action is now or the battle for control in London will have been irretrievably lost.

Is it not high time that the Government declared genito-urinary medicine a priority specialty in areas of endemic HTLV-3 infection? Yours faithfully,

JOHN K. OATES,  
Westminster Hospital,  
BRIAN A. EVANS,  
West London Hospital,  
Hammersmith Road, W6,  
August 16.

From Professor A. P. M. Caxon

Sir, Ignorance about important characteristics of Aids certainly gives rise to panic and alarm, as your leader (Aids for Aids, August 16) rightly points out. But the panic is aggravated by the puzzling reluctance of research agencies to fund studies on the social and sexual lifestyle of high risk groups.

At present most of the guidelines for change in sexual behaviour are based upon data from US studies made in an age long predating the advent of Aids.

The misleading nature of such extrapolation is especially obvious in the assumption, repeated in your leader, that male homosexual promiscuity is the key factor in the spread of Aids. But, like the suspicion cast some years back on amyl nitrite used as a recreational drug, it may turn out to be irrelevant. Or it may simply be a surrogate for length of exposure to

the virus, especially since cases are on record of Aids being contracted from a single contact.

Reduction in the number of partners is no doubt prudent and a laudable guideline, but it provides nothing more than a suggestion based upon presumptive inference.

The truth is that we simply do not know about the relevance and importance of a host of social and sexual factors associated with contracting and developing the syndrome. Without this information it will be impossible rightly to evaluate the effects of change in behaviour and give an empirical basis for the counselling that will be needed.

Yours faithfully,  
A. P. M. CAXON, Director,  
Social Research Unit,  
University College, Cardiff,  
PO Box 78,  
Cardiff.

From Dr Surinder S. Bakshi, JP

Sir, Dr C. G. Gary (August 14) finds predictions on an imminent Aids pandemic alarming, yet Dr Ward Cates, of the US Center for Disease Control, has said recently that anyone can see the potential from this disease being much more than anything mankind has seen before and fears are growing in the United States that the Aids epidemic may spread beyond homosexuals and other high risk groups to threaten the population at large. The disease has become the number one public health concern in the United States.

The expected doubling of numbers of victims in the United Kingdom this year makes it imperative that the disease entity is made notifiable. Notification will allow the combined resources of the local authorities and the National Health Service to combat the disease and provide advice, information and assurance to the public through already existing mechanisms.

Measles is a notifiable disease and so is tuberculosis. Social stigma attaches to the nature of the disease rather than its being made notifiable.

It would be difficult to find instances in more than single figures of legal action against individuals in relation to notifiable diseases in the past few decades in the United Kingdom. Notification simply activates a network of resources established and nurtured for more than a century. On the other hand, a parallel system to control Aids without it being made notifiable would be both expensive and wasteful.

Yours faithfully,  
S. S. BAKSHI,  
48 Vernon Avenue,  
Handsworth Wood,  
Birmingham,  
August 15.

## The Uganda coup

From Mr Alan Forward

Sir, In his article, "The Uganda coup: seeds of conflict" (July 29) Charles Harrison does less than justice to our record as the protecting power by writing that "the country was developed under British rule... on tribal lines".

The early explorers, missionaries and administrators found Uganda an ancient and well organised kingdom with a hierarchical system of chiefs, and later discovered three more kingdoms and some 15 other tribes, more loosely organised but having their own language and traditions.

In making an agreement with Kabaka Mwanga on behalf of the Imperial British East Africa Company in 1890, Lugard was not to know that this, and consequent agreements which awarded a degree of self-government to Buganda, would hinder the development of Uganda as an independent unitary state in the 1940s and 1950s.

Our attempts to form a unitary state based on democratic principles and the growth of political parties, which it was hoped would transcend tribal rivalries, were driven by our belief in these principles and the

demand by Ugandans for nothing less than an independent government on the Westminster model.

This was achieved on a partly federal basis only 72 years after Lugard set up his camp on a knoll known as Kampala.

Clearly there was insufficient time: the other real seeds of Uganda's appalling tragedy were Obote's decision to increase the size of the army, and his use of troops in 1966 to overthrow the Kabaka, whom he had made President after the departure of the Governor-General in 1963.

This unconstitutional action gave Amin the experience in staging a coup which he turned to his own advantage whilst Obote was in Singapore in 1966.

In your leading article, "No respite for Uganda" (July 29) you rightly suggest that we should maintain a capacity to assist the new leaders to re-establish law and order; this could enable the Ugandans to retrieve the security they enjoyed under our Protectorate.

Yours faithfully,  
ALAN FORWARD,  
Thames Court,  
Pangbourne,  
Berkshire,  
July 30.

## Poisonous verges

From Mr Raymond Helsby

Sir, We surgeons are sticklers for accuracy so, since I am the non-consenting unidentified subject of my friend Reginald Murley's letter to today's *Times* (August 15) I feel constrained to put the record straight.

Firstly, although I pride myself on my agility and fitness in my retirement, I have to admit that I am unable to collect herbs "whilst riding my horse". I did in fact, whilst clearing up an overgrown stream, pick an attractively-scented plant and asked my wife to chop it up into my soup on my return from hunting.

The consequences were dire in the extremities (and hence best described in a medical publication) and I was lucky to survive.

Secondly, the offending plant was not hemlock (*Conium maculatum*) but hemlock water dropwort (*Oenanthe crocata*) - the words are indelibly written in my memory - which almost brought about my demise and the early maturation of my life policy.

I am Sir, your surviving servant,  
RAYMOND HELSBY,  
Coombe Farm,  
Goodleigh,  
Barnstable,  
Devon,  
August 15.

## Keeping up with housing needs

From the Chairman of the London and South East Regional Planning Conference

Sir, To talk of "a planned shortage of 120,000 houses", as Mr Ian Wray did in his article on August 14, displays, I fear, a lack of understanding of the process involved in planning a chartered town planner. That process requires that the housing provision made in structure plans (approved by the secretary of state after exhaustive public examination) shall be compared with the land that is agreed to be available for housing.

Housing land availability in the South-east is assessed on this basis by the county councils in co-operation with the district councils; and the House Builders Federation are involved in making that assessment, to ensure that the land identified is indeed suitable for housebuilding.

A constant supply of land for housebuilding is being maintained in the South-east. A recent survey collated by Serplan shows that 273,000 dwellings can be built in the counties around London during the next five years. This quantity is little different from the amount revealed in the 1982 survey and about 150,000 houses have been built in the intervening three years. During that time there was no evidence to suggest that housebuilding rates had been constrained by land shortage.

Moreover, the relationship between new households and housebuilding is by no means as straightforward as Mr Wray implies. A close look at the Department of the Environment household formation forecasts reveals that by far the largest element of expected growth is in the single-person and elderly categories, both of whom are likely to have special requirements; and housing the elderly has little to do with the employment market.

The view emerging in Serplan is that taking forecasts for the 1980s and the 1990s together, there will be about a million extra households and this is a remarkably close match with the additional houses and flats likely to be provided.

I do agree with Mr Wray, however, that a strong and objective regional planning policy is needed. Serplan is working to produce a firm basis for this and the secretary of state has undertaken to consider proposals which we hope to put to him in the autumn.

Yours faithfully,  
SANDFORD, Chairman,  
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Regional Planning Conference,  
20 Albert Embankment, SE1,  
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## Wine doctoring

From Mr J. H. Craigie

Sir, Whereas in the past most wine (other than top quality chateau-bottled) was imported in bulk and bottled in the UK, the vast majority now comes in, bottled at source.

This has two serious consequences. In the first place it makes the discovery of adulterated wines almost impossible to detect until health damage to the consumer has already been caused. In the second place, it exports jobs from this country in terms of bottling and in manufacture and supply of all the components of the package.

Surely there is now a serious case for reversion to the previous practice. Wine imported in bulk can be properly tested by our own importers to ensure its purity before being bottled as well as easing our unemployment problem to some small extent.

Yours faithfully,  
J. H. CRAIGIE,  
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18 Bolton Gardens, SW5,  
August 15.

## Lower cancer risk

From Professor Geoffrey Rose

Sir, Your Science Editor reports (August 16) the results of our study of mortality in radiation workers. Unfortunately the main result is reported exactly the wrong way round, which could be alarming for the workers concerned.

He says that we found that in this group "the incidence of cancer... is greater than the national average". In fact we found it to be lower.

Yours faithfully,  
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August 16.

## On the borderline

From Mr Ralph Roger

Sir, Your correspondent, Dr John R. G. Turner (August 14) is wrong when he considers the West German countryside to be "sterile" compared with the weedy and unproductive fields of East Germany.

George Crabbe, writing in *The Village* in 1783, was right. He knew a barren countryside when he saw one: Rank weeds, that every art and care defy, Reign o'er the land, and rob the blighted ryer.

There thistles stretch their prickly arms, And to the ragged infant threaten war, There poppies nodding, mock the hope of toil: There the blue bugloss paints the sterile soil.

The socialist countries can certainly teach us something - how not to farm if we want to feed ourselves. I am, Sir, your obedient agricultural servant,  
RALPH ROGER,  
Court Lodge,  
Hornton Kirby,  
Dartford,  
Kent,  
August 15.

## ON THIS DAY

The Manchester Reform meeting led by 'Oscar' Henry Hunt the radical reformer was held in St Peter's Field on August 16 1819. The Manchester Yeomanry, an untrained, undisciplined body were ordered to arrest the leaders, instead, unprovoked, they charged the huge crowd which included a large proportion of women and children. Eleven people were killed and about 600 injured. The Times had sent one of its best reporters who obtained a seat on the platform, its first and with the latter was arrested, spending the night in prison. His complete account of the day's events of never 5,000 words appeared in the paper on August 19, but for the next few days the Times continued to print reports, leaders and letters on the tragedy.

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[THE PETERLOO MASSACRE]

(From the Chester Chronicle, Extra.)

The assembly was almost entirely composed of the people, except where strong bodies of special constables were posted; and even on the hustings, scarcely a man of respectability was to be seen, with the exception of Mr Hunt and a very few of his friends, whose appearance at least was of a much superior cast. The most perfect order prevailed through the immense assemblage, and if a voice was occasionally heard above the hum of the crowd it was to be recommended order and peace. A band was carried in front of Mr Hunt's procession, with the words "Order, Order," inserted upon it.

The alarm turned out to be well founded, for at the instant a troop of the Manchester Yeomanry Cavalry, about 100 in number, galloped on the ground of full speed, and within 100 yards of the hustings. They halted in extreme disorder, and Mr Hunt cried out, "Reverse them with three cheers, and be firm." The orders thus made were punctiliously obeyed, and Mr Hunt again cried, "Reverse them all in disorder; this is a trick! But it was no trick; for, after a minute's pause, forming, remounting their sabres, and turning their horses, they charged through the crowded ranks, and made a passage, and surrounded the hustings, on which Mr Hunt was still standing with outstretched hand. "Be firm," the exhortation was vain; the trampling of the horses, and the cutting of the men, in the adjacent ground in an instant, when, without a minute's delay, the hustings, with the chairman, men, women, flags, and caps upon it, were hurled to the ground, the cavalry in the midst, and upon them.

The whole ground, which had been 5 minutes before covered with an attentive audience, was now completely cleared, and the cavalry galloped up and down on it enveloped in a cloud of dust. The streets into which the affrighted crowd rushed, were secured by fresh bodies of horse; and in a very few minutes, the immense assemblage was so completely scattered, that no considerable body remained together in any one place.

Thus ended the measure, but not thus the consequences of the measure used in its dispersion. Our reporter himself saw six coaches, three carriages, and three litters, loaded with the wounded, proceeding towards the Infirmary. Some of the girls, dressed in white, who were on the hustings, were among the number.

It was rumoured in the town, after the dispersal, that the Manchester Yeomanry had been ordered to fire upon the first charge of the Yeomanry. We state this rumour, as we are extremely anxious to present a perfectly impartial narrative to the public; but we are decidedly of an opinion, for several reasons, that this could not be the case. From an attentive observation of them from the hustings, during their short pause, our reporter concludes that there was no time for that purpose, and that the pause being only about a minute and a half, during which time they were forming and receiving orders. Nothing was heard from them, but the clashing of their swords, and no paper was seen.

Another almost conclusive reason against it, is, that the Militia Act was read in the nearby empty streets about 5, in Percy-street; and it would have been singular indeed to have seen that when there were no people to disperse, if it had been read three hours before, when 70,000 persons were assembled.

Several magistrates and constables rode about with the cavalry, and appeared to be directing them. General Sir John Byng was not in the town. The captured standards and caps were carried in triumph by several of the Yeomanry. That part of the audience which had come from the country in the morning, in high spirits, in orderly procession, with flags and music, now sought their homes in ragged parties, with melancholy faces, and leaving several of their companions behind them. One woman, we understand, who stood by her colours to the last, was cut down by a trooper. We should not state this, as thinking it totally incredible, had not our reporter seen the woman and flags laid together from the hustings, while the soldiers were cutting round them; and afterwards wound at least 4 or 5 women dreadfully wounded, conveyed to the infirmary.

We must not omit, however, to state, that as the meeting was orderly and peaceable till the approach of the cavalry, not the least shadow of resistance was made by them to the attack.

Instant switch-off?

From Mr James White

Sir, In previous years the Government had no sooner appointed a minister for drought than the problem disappeared. When, pray, may we expect a minister for rain?

Yours soddently,  
JAMES WHITE,  
Durborough Farm,  
Aisholt, Bridgwater, Somerset.

August 14.

From Mr John H. Owens

Sir, Surely I cannot be alone in thinking you are pulling my leg by naming the tourism officer for Restormel, in your article about staid holidaymakers (August 15), as "Don Macintosh"?

Yours sincerely,  
JOHN H. OWENS,  
Plas Coch, Aberffraw, Ty Croes, Gwynedd.

August 16.







THE TIMES

## FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

## Bell's white knight turns into a rusty mirage

Arthur Bell & Sons' last remaining hopes of escaping the clutches of Guinness were surely extinguished at a quarter past one yesterday afternoon, when Rothmans International issued a statement that it had made plain to Bell as long ago as last Thursday that it had "no plans or intention" to challenge Guinness's current £360 million takeover bid for the Scotch whisky firm.

It is still theoretically possible for the long-remembered white knight to emerge, but time is fast running out. The Guinness bid closes on Friday.

The main loser from the Rothmans episode has been Bell and its beleaguered chairman, Raymond Miquel. Since Guinness increased its offer by £60 million two weeks ago, Mr Miquel has been desperately searching for a friendly saviour. As so often in contested bids, the defending chairman sees that the battle is lost and attempts to console himself by thwarting the predator who has caused him so much discomfort.

However, the refusal of Bell and its advisers to rule out Rothmans at the weekend has severely damaged its credibility. In a subsequent statement yesterday, Bell lamely welcomed Rothmans' words as "the best way of conclusively refuting the rumours". That is disingenuous. The best way lay in Bell's own hands.

What now are we to make of Bell's continued insistence that it is still talking to "one or two" other possible suitors? Is this another desperate delaying ploy, to borrow the phrase of Ernest Saunders, the Guinness chief executive? Mr Saunders is by nature a patient and courteous man, but both qualities have been strained to the utmost by the events of the past few days.

There is now little more he can do. His company's bid is final and its deadline is fixed, barring the rival offer which Mr Miquel so fervently seeks. The Guinness camp can only add to its collection of Bell shares and widen its circle of friends.

Yesterday, David Steel, the Liberal Party leader, was moved to urge Bell shareholders to accept the present offer without delay, on the basis that Mr Miquel can no longer be in the business of keeping Bell independent when he is to be seen supping with other potential masters.

In the end this acrimonious saga will be decided by the market, on the grounds of price. And that is Mr Miquel's stumbling block: he has so far failed to find anyone to value Bell at materially more than the very full amount that Mr Saunders has been persuaded to part with.

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## Scargill factor scuppers GDP rise

Preliminary estimates of Britain's gross domestic product never have quite the impact of "flash" preliminary or even revised estimates of the United States' gross national product. The latter, for the second quarter, will be released in Washington today.

Nevertheless, as the first wide-angle shot of the British economy in the second quarter, yesterday's preliminary figures for the output measure of GDP are certainly of interest.

They show that GDP rose by 0.6 per cent in the second quarter to stand 3.9 per cent up on a year earlier. Output for the production industries was up by 2 per cent during the quarter, helped by a rise of about 6 per cent in energy (including the recovery in coal output after the miners' strike) and water supply. Distribution returned to its level of the fourth quarter of last year, as a result of the recovery in retail sales.

The GDP figures are meaningless, however, unless the effects of the coal strike are stripped out. And, when these are removed, the statistical implication changes for the worse.

The lingering effects of the strike are estimated to have reduced GDP by about

0.25 per cent in the second quarter, compared with a full 1 per cent in the first quarter, when the strike was still on.

In other words, recovery from the strike alone should have produced a 0.75 per cent increase in GDP between the first and second quarters. The actual rise of 0.6 per cent shows that there was a small underlying fall.

Were this the United States, dealers would be busy dumping the currency and shares, and buying bonds hand over fist.

Thankfully, we are more attuned to the quirks of statistics. The output measure of GDP is crucially dependent on the industrial production figures which, in recent months, have been particularly subject to revision. The drop between first and second quarters owes much to the upward revision of output in the first quarter. In a month or so, the second quarter's output will probably be accorded the same treatment.

A better guide to the economy's health is to combine the first and second quarters of this year and compare them with last year's.

Half of each six-month period will have been affected greatly by the coal strike, and the other half very little.

The result is that GDP in the first half of this year was up by 3.6 per cent on the corresponding period last year.

As for those American GNP figures, the markets are expecting a revised second-quarter annualized rise of 1 to 1.5 per cent. The preliminary estimate of second-quarter GNP was a 1.7 per cent annualized rise, preceded by the even wilder 3.1 per cent increase of the "flash" projection.

## The Bank puts faith in Chinese walls

Yesterday's announcement from the Bank of England that it has approved as many as six inter-dealer brokers and nine Stock Exchange money brokers to operate in the post-Big Bang gilt-edged market caused a few gasps of amazement. The more money brokers the merrier, but six IDBs, according to the consensus market view, is simply too many.

The announcement must also have left Gordon Pepper, joint senior partner at W. Greenwell, feeling like a forlorn Cassandra. In a speech last November, Mr Pepper drew attention to the potential conflicts of interest which can arise from having IDBs or money brokers within the same grouping as gilt market-makers.

Money brokers would have access to a fund of critical information about the bull and bear positions of market-makers which is extremely sensitive. The same would be true of IDBs. Mr Pepper said, although their information would date more quickly. He concluded that both money brokers and IDBs should remain independent of market-makers.

In the event, the Bank of England has ignored these warnings and is apparently placing its faith in the principle of "Chinese Walls" and separation of functions on the basis that the market itself believes this is satisfactory. Four of the money brokers and one of the IDBs are part of groups which will also have a market-making operation in gilt-edged.

The case in favour of Chinese Walls of silence between departments is that the commercial advantage to be gained from misusing confidential information would be short-term and marginal when compared with the damage an institution would suffer to its credibility. If customers are not happy that their secrets will remain confidential, they simply will not deal with the firm in question.

Cassandra, of course, was right, although nobody took any notice. Time will tell whether Mr Pepper fits the role or whether on this issue he is a false prophet.

## Six firms approved as IDBs in surprise move by Bank

By Peter Wilson-Smith  
Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England has surprised the City by approving six companies to operate as inter-dealer brokers (IDBs) in the new-style government securities market, due to start in October next year.

IDBs will play a crucial role in ensuring the liquidity of the new market by disseminating prices and affecting confidential trades between the 29 primary market-makers and the assumption has been that there would be room for only four or at most five.

"Frankly I'm absolutely amazed at the number. There will obviously have to be some weeding out in due course", one of the prospective market-makers said yesterday.

The Bank also published a list of nine firms approved to operate as money brokers in the new market. The only surprise here was the inclusion of P-B Securities Money Brokers, whose ambitions in this field had been a well-kept secret.

## INTER-DEALER BROKERS

Charles Fulton (IDB)  
Garban Gills  
Mabon Nugent International (Gills)  
Fundamental & Marshall Brokers  
Tullett and Tokyo (Gills)  
Williams, Cooke, Lott and Kissack

Parent  
Charles Fulton  
Mills & Allen  
Mabon Nugent  
Mercantile House  
Tullett and Tokyo  
Exco International

## STOCK EXCHANGE MONEY BROKERS

Cazenove Money Brokers  
Hoare Govett (Money Broking)  
James Capel Money Broking  
King & Shaxson (Securities)  
Lazard Brothers  
LM (Money Brokers)  
P-B Securities Money Brokers  
Rowe & Patman Money Broking  
Sheppard's Money Brokers

Parent  
Cazenove and Co.  
Security Pacific  
Hong Kong and Shanghai  
King and Shaxson  
Lazard Brothers  
Exco International  
P-B Securities  
Mercury Securities  
Banque Arabe et  
Internationale d'Investissement

Besides the six existing Stock Exchange money brokers, all of whom had been expected to apply, two other newcomers have also been approved. They are Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank, and King & Shaxson, the small discount house.

Money brokers in the new

gilt market will play their traditional role of lending stock to market-makers when they are running a short book, and providing secured finance to enable them to take bull positions.

The Bank of England does not believe there is any capacity constraint on the number of

money brokers and the market-makers are likely to share this view. The more there are, the more options they will have for borrowing stock.

However, there is concern whether the gilt market will be able to support so many IDBs.

Mr William Foy, managing director of Charles Fulton (IDB) said he did not believe six could make a profit and gave a warning that the market could suffer from fragmentation and reduced liquidity as a result of having so many.

In the United States where there are 36 primary dealers and daily turnover is up to 30 times greater than in the British government debt market, there are six IDBs. However, three of them, Fundamental Brokers Inc., RMJ Securities and Garban, account for about three-quarters of the business put through IDBs.

The Bank of England's approach has been to let the market decide and all six final applicants were approved.

## Johnson Matthey secures \$387 loan

By Ian Griffiths

Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group, has secured a \$387 million loan from a consortium of banks to finance its expansion plans.

The agreement replaces the interim refinancing arrangements introduced late last year after the near collapse of Johnson Matthey Bankers, which was sold to the Bank of England for £1. It incorporates a term loan of \$262.5 million (£165.5 million) and working capital facilities of \$125 million.

Annual accounts from Johnson Matthey, published yesterday, reveal that at March 31, 1985, the company had net debts of £227.2 million. Under the new agreement £75 million is to be repaid tomorrow. Of this, £50 million had been generated from cash flow and the remaining £25 million will be raised from the placing of £25 million of subordinated, unsecured loan stock.

The accounts confirm the damage inflicted on shareholders by the problems of JMB. Johnson Matthey had to pay £50 million to JMB and wrote off £102 million on its investment in the bank. The company's reserves were slashed to £25.9 million.

The JMB affair has also landed its former parent with a qualified audit report. Uncertainties over the allocation of the extraordinary items relating to JMB and the validity of opening net assets have resulted in a qualified opinion from Coopers Lybrand, the auditor, on the results for the year.

Coopers took over the audit when Arthur Young resigned in February, but it will not be remaining in office. Post Markwick Mitchell will be proposed in its place at the annual general meeting in September and, if appointed, will become the third auditors to work for the company in a year.

Johnson Matthey's new chief executive, Mr Eugene Anderson, says in the annual report that the company believes it has a clean opinion on the closing balance sheet and says that the accounting treatment adopted by the directors is the most practicable in the circumstances.

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## MP wants Sumrie report made public

By Jeremy Warner

The findings of the Government's inquiry into Sumrie Clothes should be made public, according to Mr Derek Fatchett, Labour MP for Leeds Central.

He has written to Mr Alex Fletcher, minister for corporate and consumer affairs, saying that this should be done in view of the uncertainty surrounding the company and the risks for shareholders and employees.

The Leeds-based company's chairman, Mr Michael Hepler, has been linked by the Labour MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, Mr Brian Sedgmore, with an alleged £1.5 million fraud involving the troubled Johnson Matthey Bankers.

Officers of the department were last week authorized to investigate the affairs of Sumrie using powers under section 447 of the Companies Act, 1985.

A spokesman for the department said yesterday that Mr Fletcher was on holiday and therefore unable to reply.

However, section 447 investigations were confidential under the law although they were sometimes used as a preliminary for a full public investigation under section 431 of the



Derek Fatchett: allegations must be cleared up

1985 Companies Act.

The spokesman said that it was possible that Mr Fletcher would make an announcement if nothing was discovered which led to further action by the department or other Government authorities.

Mr Fatchett said in his letter: "There have been allegations and counter allegations and until they are cleared up one way or another, the shareholders' financial interest and the employees' job security are always going to be under a cloud."

## Another resignation at STC

By Our City Staff

Another director has resigned from STC, the telecommunications and electronics group whose chairman, Sir Kenneth Corfield, stood down because of mounting criticism of the company's performance.

He is Mr Ted Newman, executive director (Treasury), who had special responsibility for shareholder and banking relations. His job will be taken over for the time being by Mr Alex Park who shared with Mr Newman the responsibility for financial direction of STC.

Mr Newman, aged 48, has been ill and it was not clear last night whether his resignation was directly connected with Sir Kenneth's departure. A spokesman for STC said that the terms of his severance had not yet been settled.

Mr Duncan Lewis, formerly STC's director of business intelligence and plaintiff and a member of the company's executive committee, has also left since Sir Kenneth's departure.

The company has announced half-year losses of £8.7 million after tax and extraordinary items.

IN BRIEF  
Sinclair at meeting

Sir Clive Sinclair yesterday met the principal creditors of his computer company, Sinclair Research, but no conclusive fresh proposals emerged for the £15 million debts at issue. A Sinclair spokesman said that the purpose of the meeting was to bring creditors up to date in the wake of Mr Robert Maxwell's decision to abandon his takeover bid for the company.

However, no decisions were apparently taken to curtail Sinclair's credit facilities and a further meeting is expected shortly.

## Saxon directors discuss terms

The board of Saxon Oil spent all yesterday meeting to discuss proposals for a takeover by Enterprise Oil but had still not made a decision by last night about recommending the terms. Enterprise has said it will only go ahead with an offer if the board recommends it.

The second closing date for Saxon's proposed merger with Charterhouse Petroleum, recommended by both boards last month is today. The offer is expected to be extended.

## Profits rise 35%

Vibroplant, the plant hire company, made pretax profits of £2.5 million in the year ending March 31, an increase of 35 per cent, on turnover down 1.6 per cent at £19.7 million.

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French unemployment edged 0.3 per cent higher to 2.414 million, seasonally adjusted, at the end of last month from 2.408 million in June. A Labour Ministry spokesman said. In July 1984, seasonally-adjusted unemployment totalled 2.34 million.

## Hickson ahead

Hickson International, the chemicals producer, lifted profits from £7.02 million to £7.79 million before tax in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend is up from 4p to 5p.

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## Anglia cuts rate

Anglia, the sixth-largest building society, is reducing its basic mortgage rate by 1.25 percentage points to 12.75 per cent from next month. Loans over £30,000 will cost 13.25 per cent, however and those over £45,000 13.5 per cent.

## US personal income rises 0.4%

From Mohsin Ali  
Washington

The personal income of Americans rose by 0.4 per cent last month to a seasonally-adjusted \$3,188.3 billion, after a revised 0.4 per cent rise in June, the Commerce Department announced yesterday.

The department said that personal income, expenditure rose \$10.4 billion at an annual rate, or 0.4 per cent, to \$2,520.5 billion after the same gain in June.

Income rose \$11.8 billion in June, compared with the \$16.8 billion or 0.5 per cent first estimated by the department.

A large jump in social security back-payments contributed to the rise in personal income.

Analysts follow the income figures as an indication of how much money consumers have.

The personal income report for July, which showed steady if unspectacular growth, follows a series of economic barometers pointing to weaker activity last month.

Unemployment stayed at 7.3 per cent for the sixth consecutive month and retail sales, industrial production and housing construction were all weak.

## Stock Conversion boost

The Stock Conversion and Investment Trust's preliminary results for the year ended March 31, show pretax profit up 18.5 per cent to £20.6 million.

The dividend for the year is up 36 per cent to 7.5p. Net asset value rose from 48.3p to 53.6p with the portfolio revaluation

showing a £17 million increase, excluding dealing properties and it 50 per cent stake in a City of London office development.

Earnings per share were 22.31p compared with 16.84p, taking into account a tax benefit of £2.36 million for stock relief.

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## Brazil talks

The Brazilian Finance Minister, Senhor Francisco Dornelles, has discussed with the International Monetary Fund managing director, M. Jacques de la Rosiere, developments in the Brazilian economy between March and last month.

## MARKET SUMMARY

## STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord 772.1 (-2.8)  
FT All Share 828.94 (-1.06)  
FT Govt Securities 83.80 (-0.10)  
FT-SE 100 1294.9 (-4.2)  
Bargains 20,484  
Datastream USM 102.5 (-0.58)  
New York  
Dow Jones 1312.05 (-0.88)  
Tokyo  
Nikkei Dow 12,840.05 (+27.74)  
Hong Kong 1711.51 (+11.14)  
Amsterdam 214.5 (-0.3)  
Sydney: AO 945.2 (-2.0)  
Frankfurt  
Commerzbank 1404.1 (-14.4)  
Brussels  
General 318.20 (-2.24)  
Paris: CAC 215.9 (unchanged)  
Zurich  
SKA General 392.10 (+0.3)

## GOLD

London fixing  
am \$339.25 pm \$340.90  
close \$338.50-\$339.00 (\$241.75-242.25)  
New York  
Comex (latest) \$338.35

## MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:  
Metal Sciences 8p +2.50p  
Sharpe (Charles) 500p +10.50p  
Zygal Dynamics 23p +2p  
Bent Bros 63p +7p  
Armstrong Cam Ekt 92p +10p  
Real Time Cnt 48p +5p  
Vesper 188p +18p  
Polytype 133p +10p  
Sirdar 123p +9p  
Fergarbrook Group 72p +5p  
Les (Arthur) 38p +5p  
M & G Group (HDG) 600p +40p  
Precious Metals 121p +8p  
Bio-Isolates 33p +2p  
Tops Estates 250p +15p  
Jacks (William) 27.50p +1.50p  
Edin Finl Tst 37.50p +2.50p  
Property Trust 2.5p +10p  
Baker Perkins 324p +15p  
Fleet Holdings 45p +2p  
Sparrow (G.W.) 188p +8p  
Norros 47p +2p  
Stroud Riley 47p +2p

FALLS:  
Protimeter 33p -8p  
Rotaprint 5p -1p  
Access Satellite 190p -25p  
Sulcliffe Spkrm 42p -3p  
Reiant Motor 41p -4p  
Dee Technology 42p -4p

## CURRENCIES

London:  
£ \$1.977 (-0.0050)  
£ DM 3.8886 (+0.0054)  
£ SwFr 1.666 (+0.0044)  
£ FF 11.8139 (-0.0039)  
£ Yen 331.53 (+0.10)  
£ Index 82.1 (-0.1)

New York:  
£ \$1.3995  
£ DM 2.7635  
£ Index 136.0 (+0.1)  
ECU 10.75627  
SDR 10.74031

## INTEREST RATES

London:  
Bank Base: 11 1/2 %  
3-month Treasury Bill 11 1/2 %  
3-month eligible bills  
buying rate 10 1/2 % - 10 3/4 %  
US:  
Prime Rate 9.50 %  
Federal Funds 8 1/2 %  
3-month Treasury Bills 7 12-7.10 %  
Long bond 100 1/2 % - 10 3/4 %

Plessey reports  
£39m pre-tax profits  
in first quarter

- Turnover increased by 9.2% with gains in all sectors
- Operating profit up 3.6% to £36.8 million
- Electronic Systems profits increased by 9%
- Turnover per employee increased from £31,987 to £37,383.

## 1985-86 first quarter results

An extract from The Plessey Company's unaudited consolidated results.

	13 weeks ended 28 June 1985 £m	13 weeks ended 29 June 1984 £m
Sales	333.2	305.2
Operating profit	36.8	35.5
Profit before taxation	39.2	42.0
Earnings per share	3.05p	3.46p

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## WALL STREET

## Dow dips in early trade

New York (Agency) - The market was mixed in light trading on the New York Stock Exchange early yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.22 points to 1,312.50.

The NYSE index was up 0.13 points to 108.09 and the price of an average share was up five cents.

Advances led declines by 581-486 among the 1,622 issues crossing the tape.

The first-hour big-board volume amounted to about 15.5 million shares compared with 21,030,000 on Friday.

Market analysts said that the market was likely to continue moving in a narrow range in light trading.

Middle South Utilities was the most active NYSE-listed issue. It gained 1/8 to 9 1/8.

Pan Am World Airways, the subject of takeover speculation, was down, losing 1/4 to 7 1/4.

Domestic Airlines was up 1/2 to 10.

Technology and blue chip issues were mostly higher. In the technology sector, IBM was up 1/4 to 125 1/4.

Sperry was up 1/4 to 49 1/4 and Control Data Corp was up 1/4 to 21 1/4.

Hewlett Packard was down 1/4 to 35 1/4 after reporting lower earnings for its third quarter.

Platinum pulled level with gold for the first time since mid-1984 in active trading yesterday, as the market continued its sharp rally on concern over

wireless in South Africa. It was quoted during the afternoon at \$340.00-341.00 an ounce, level with gold, after briefly showing a small premium. Platinum

closed at \$320.75-321.25 on Friday, when gold ended at \$338.90-339.40. In early July, Platinum was at a discount of more than \$50.

## COMMODITIES

London Commodity Exchange

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## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling and other important currencies surrendered just a little of the ground won recently from the dollar.

However, dealers described conditions yesterday as quiet and stable, with the movements largely reflecting a squaring of positions ahead of today's key US second-quarter GNP figure.

Most operators seem prepared for a downward revision in the rate of growth in the April-June period.

Sterling spent most of the session hovering at about 1.40 to the dollar, closing a net half-cent easier at 1.3977.

The pound held firm on the Continent, edging up from 3.8632 to 3.8685 in terms of the mark.

At the close, the effective exchange rate index was off 0.1 at 82.1, having fluctuated in a narrow range of 82.0 to 82.2 throughout.

London Money Market

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## MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Money stayed tight and expensive yesterday and there was little movement during a quiet session in the interbank overnight held at 12-13 1/2 per cent for much of the morning, firming to 12 1/2-12 3/4 per cent at midday.

It reached 12 1/2-1/4 per cent in the early afternoon and brushed 13 per cent near the finish, then saw 12-11 per cent, before closing at about 12 per cent.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

# Burton Group raises £135m through share placing

By Derek Pain and Alison Eadie

Burton Group, the retail chain, yesterday raised much of the cash needed for its £560 million takeover of Debenhams, the department stores group.

In a quickly executed, smoothly conducted exercise, Burton's three brokers moved into the market and placed with the underwriters shares at about 44p a share to raise £135 million.

The brokers Cazenove & Co, Capel-Cure Myers and Scrimgeour Vickers succeeded in placing the shares at above the price ruling at the time of their operation. But on confirmation of the success of their enterprise the shares moved to 45p.

Shareholders representing approaching half of Debenhams capital elected to take the Burton cash. Among them was House of Fraser which built up its shareholding during the battle to 26.1 per cent.

Debenhams, which was led by Mr Robert Thornton as it strove to defeat the Burton assault, shaded just 1p to 324p as Burton's, where Mr Ralph Halpern is chairman, achieved its cash raising sale.

Equities started the second leg of the three week account on a quiet note. Trading was often pathetically thin. Occasional thoughts about lower interest rates stirred the odd interest but it is thought that the next cut is, at the earliest, unlikely to occur before the pending bank holiday.

At the close the FT 30 share index was down 2.6 points at 972.1 and the 100 constituent FT-SE share index was lowered 4.5 points at 1,294.9 points.

Government stocks spent most of the day unmoved from Friday's closing level. At the close they displayed some movement, recording, at best, a few modest gains at the short end of the market.

One of the few leaders to edge forward was Allied-Lyons. On talk that Elders, the Australian wool company, was to be acquired, the shares crept forward just 1p to 231p.

Most drink shares were firm although Arthur Bell and Sons retreated as Rothmans International ruled out any plans to mount a White Knight rescue act as the Guinness bid nears its close.

Buckley's Brewery, where the Belhaven Brewery Group has 8 per cent, slipped 2p to 78p.

Newcomer Conrad Holdings, known as Russell Brothers (Paddington) in its previous incarnation, made a solid start.



Robert Thornton



Ralph Halpern

Placed by de Zoete and Bevan, the broker, at 70p the shares touched 75p and closed at 73p.

Kwik Save Discount Group, the supermarket chain, eased back from its year's high at 220p to close at 210p, despite continuing talk of a takeover bid from Argill Group.

Mr Ian Howe, chairman and chief executive of Kwik Save, said there had been no approach from Argill or anyone else and there would be no reason to welcome one if it came. He said Kwik Save had a record of profits and growth pretty well unequalled in the food retail industry and a merger would not be in shareholders' interests.

Touche Ross & Co, the accountant, is working with 50 companies which hope to come to the USM in the next few years. The accountant, in its latest USM update, estimates that the junior market has raised almost £1,000 million for just over 400 companies since it was launched nearly five years ago and has created more than 400 "paper" millionaires.

Kwik Save's year ends with this month and the City is expecting pretax profits of at least £25 million, a 10 per cent improvement, followed by about £40 million in 1985-86.

Kwik Save attributes the recent run-up in its shares to a few favourable brokers' circulars, which sparked off buying in a market short of shares.

Argill's shares were up 2p to 320p and Dee Corporation, which is also on certain brokers' shopping lists, rose 3p to 270p.

Unilever, the electronic component distributor, bounced 8p higher to 258p on suggestions that Unilever, whose shares were unchanged at 465p, denied any such intention.

Unilever has been back in favour since its full year results were announced earlier this month and the shares have come up from 215p. On fundamental grounds alone, one broker is saying that the shares could rise to 300p within six months.

Bunzl seems like an obvious predator. Since it lost out in its bid for Brammer, the ball bearings distributor, it has been looking for alternatives in distribution not manufacturing.

The bid fever surrounding T1 Group went off the boil and T1's shares eased back 3p to 389p having hit a low at 379p. Shares in Evered, which last week

announced it had built up a 20 per cent stake in T1, also fell back 15p to 243p on profit taking.

Newspaper shares were in the spotlight again with Fleet Holdings rising 15p to 324p ahead of the Monopolies Commission's report on the approach from United Newspapers. Mr Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary, is not expected to give a decision until the end of the month, but he is expected to give the all-clear to a bid.

As Fleet's shares raced ahead yesterday there were suggestions that a rival stake may be being built up: United acquired nearly

16 per cent of Fleet from Mr Robert Maxwell's Pergamon Press in January for 230p a share.

United's shares rose 8p to 303p and Associated Newspapers were up in sympathy to 875p, a rise of 32p.

Among stores, Habitat rose 6p to 432p as a spin-off of Burton's share placing.

W H Smith gained 4p to 240p ahead of results next Wednesday.

Owen Owen bounced to a new high at 415p, before closing up 5p to 400p. Bid reports continue to buoy the shares. Clarym has just under 12 per cent.

Elsewhere J Heyworth eased 3p to 239p and Marks and Spencer lost 2p to 153p.

Elswick-Hopper, the cycle and engineering group, held at 137p as London Trust disclosed it had sold its 13.2 per cent shareholding.

Milbury, the building group controlled by Mr Jim Raper's St Brian, continued to feel the impact of worries about its trading prospects and tumbled a further 5p to 18p.

In a mixed oil sector Saxon Oil retreated 25p to 490p as the board agonised over the counter attractions of a bid from

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Micro Focus Group: Mr Colin West is now managing director.

Saphir: Mr Kenneth Leach has been made managing director of Saphir Foods and Mr Ian Walton and Mr Peter Assin divisional managing directors of Hunter Produce.

Aquasutum: From September 1, Mr Richard Kottler, sales director, is also taking responsibility for the retail branches outside London and men's wholesale and shops within shops.

Mr Robert Wilson becomes a director of Aquasutum International and Mrs Margaret King an assistant director.

P. W. Richardson & Co. Company: Mr John Garratt has been made a director.

UK Provident: From September R M O Stanley becomes deputy chairman. Mr Stanley will succeed Mr S G Brooks as chairman when he retires in 1987. At that time Mr A Spedding will become managing director and Mr J J Gunning will become deputy managing director.

Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers: Mr George Cannon has joined the board.

Frederick Parker Group: Mr John Corcoran has been made managing director of the group's contractors equipment division.

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## TEMPUS

# Wind of change blows at Stock Conversion

A press conference in the boardroom of Stock Conversion and Investment Trust is an unprecedented event. The company is anxious to emerge from the shell in which its late chairman, Mr Robert Clark, was kept to keep it. That change of heart has doubtless been inspired by the hot breath of its 26.5 per cent shareholder, Stockley, on the board's necks.

The same view of events might not unreasonably be put on the company's final dividend for the year ended March 31, 1985. It is up 36 per cent, a figure which smacks of attempts to repel invaders. Stockley has agreed not to make a bid before the end of October. Stockley's intention is unclear, but feeling in the city is that it will either sell its stake at a useful profit or attempt a swap of property for shares.

Stock Conversion's portfolio, which has been internally valued with some buildings, including the Euston Centre, in London, valued externally, shows a rise of £17 million, taking the net asset value up from 483p to 536p.

The £30 million sale of the White City site to the BBC will add 50p per share pre-tax. But there are still buildings in the portfolio at cost - dealing properties including the whole of the Scottish subsidiary, and those which are unlet or not fully developed - which should boost net asset value on the next revaluation.

Stock Conversion does not have to undertake an external valuation until 1987, but it may decide to bring this forward to next year. Again, the pressure of events looks to be leading the company in new directions. This includes having Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank, on hand. That is the first time Stock Conversion has felt the need to use such services.

Plans to bring Stock Conversion into the modern era of portfolio development include a £60 million programme over the next three years or so.

The company's gearing is very low, enabling it to raise borrowings for development and acquisitions without recourse to institutional finance. Corporate takeovers are on the cards as well as portfolio purchases - another possible defence play against Stockley.

The company's largest schemes yet to be developed include a 170-acre retail and business park planned near Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire with several million sq ft of development in an expanding sector of the market.

The company should see substantial growth in assets in the next few years. The share price initially fell to 525p but rose to 540p, matching its opening price.

Hickson Int

The year may have started well at Hickson International but the going is now getting

tougher. This was the message received loud and clear on the stock exchange yesterday, where the shares dropped 8p to 385p.

In the six months to June, profits rose from £7.02 million to £7.79 million before tax, thanks mainly to a good increase in the chemicals side. But £1.8 million increase in the chemicals contribution simply reflected the costs of a strike in previous year. On a like-for-like basis margins fell.

Hickson, which makes dyes, tints and agrochemicals, is caught in a two-way squeeze. The price of toluene, a petroleum derivative used as a raw material, is rising while at the same time selling prices, at least for exports, are under pressure from three strong pound against the mark.

Meanwhile, the two minor divisions, intended to counter the chemical cycle, are putting up a mixed performance. The timber treatment business is suffering from recession in South Africa as well as the weak rand. The much smaller merchant operation is progressing well, however, and Hickson has just acquired another flooring distributor for an initial payment of £800,000.

Further acquisitions are possible in the second half. These will absorb some of Hickson's year-end cash pile and may be useful in offsetting a downturn in the existing business which is unlikely to do much better in this half than in the first, suggesting a suitably cautious p/e ratio of 9.

Gilts

Sterling greeted the Chancellor's return after Mediterranean beach-holiday with a steady performance. As if on waves, the currency bobbed up and down around \$1.40 and \$2 on the trade-weighted index, all movement apparently of its own volition.

Gilts went with the currency, shorts improved by perhaps 10 point, while mediums were broadly unchanged. Longs improved by 10 point, as did index-linked.

Even the threat of an easier attitude by the United States Federal Reserve failed to spur the currency traders, and hence the gilt market; futures were quiet.

US personal income grew by 0.4 per cent last month, in line with market expectations, and most chatter in the US bond market is now concentrating on the twin incidence of revised GNP figures for the second quarter, and the Federal Open Market Committee meeting. Some easing in the policy stance is expected.

The authorities presumably must welcome such relative calm. Provided the message gets across loud and clear that any cuts in rates will be dictated by a gradualist approach, then the chances of rearranging the structural imbalances in the credit mar-

kets, notably the bill mountain, must be enhanced, as hopes of early cuts remain muted.

But in the short term, there are marginal benefits from scrapping the emphasis on broad money-targets, and funding programmes. A year ago the National Savings outturn for July would have raised eyebrows about the performance of the funding programme, since National Savings is scheduled to draw in £3 billion for 1985/86. July's net contribution of £233 million hardly raised any eyebrows, even though this falls about £18 million short of the estimated monthly target inflow.

National Savings market managers are now reportedly scratching their heads, wondering whether to beef up the returns on offer and compete with the building societies over yield or merely hold steady and encourage an accelerated inflow post September, when building society rates fall.

Equally, there is some evidence to suggest that over the medium term the quality of National Savings products on offer is simply failing to compete with what is available elsewhere, ignoring the public sector sleight of hand accountancy techniques, whereby half the net inflows stem from accrued interest, - merely a book entry - the net receipts and repayments position for most of the savings instruments looks marginal, and in some cases is even negative. Overhauling the portfolio before funding matters again might be timely.

Vibroplant

Vibroplant's 35 per cent increase in taxable profits to £2.5 million was more than the market expected from a company totally dependent on the depressed construction industry, and the shares bounced 14p higher to 160p.

The improvement was due largely to more aggressive selling of plant hire services and good housekeeping.

Plant hire turnover was up 11 per cent and profits up 19 per cent. The Florio subsidiary also chipped in £160,000 against £50,000.

The unfortunate diversification into video juke-boxes is finally out of the system. There was even an extraordinary credit of £108,000 from the sale of leisure assets.

Vibroplant is staying firmly in the business it knows well and is looking for plant hire acquisitions in Britain or the United States. The balance sheet is in good shape showing a reduction in gearing to 22 per cent from 40 per cent.

Profits this year should show a steady, though not dramatic, improvement.

The 8 per cent yield provides a firm prop for the shares and the historic p/e ratio at 7 is not too strenuous.

# A burst of genius to jolt the Guinness

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Ernest Saunders, chief executive of the Guinness group, was yesterday keeping watch over the unfolding drama of his company's contested £360 million bid for the Scotch whisky group Arthur Bell and Sons, the biggest deal he has attempted since taking over four years ago.

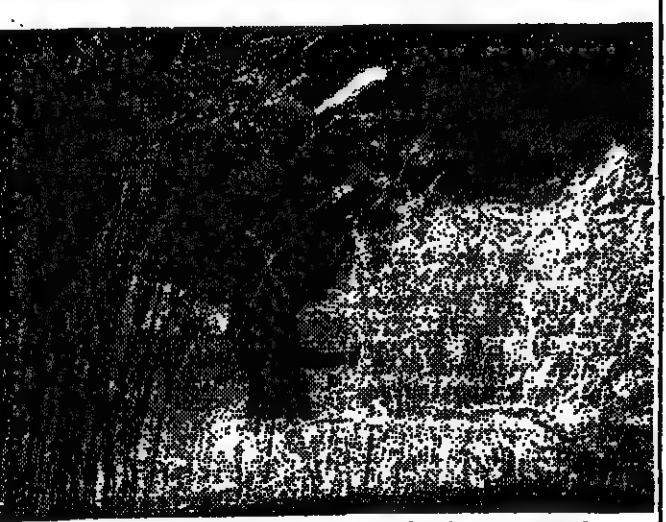
But within Guinness there was as much interest in another event taking place in the City which could have a far more profound impact on the drinks group than any mere takeover.

The occasion was the official launch of the new Guinness advertising campaign - an event closely monitored by the advertising industry, particularly the unsuccessful bidders for the lucrative account, the media, who are the beneficiaries of the huge spending involved, and the public who anxiously await the return of the beloved sea-lion and pelican.

Few doubt that the genius of John Gilroy, the landscape painter who created the characters for the famous Guinness posters between 1925 and 1960 contributed to the success of the drink.

But while the public admired the skill of the advertising men, the drink itself was beginning to lose popularity.

One of the first tasks of Mr Saunders, recruited from Nestlé



Natural look: a still from the new Guinness campaign

compared with a year ago, the group claims.

Saunders has now turned to the next stage of his growth plan - heralded yesterday by the arrival of a £6.3 million campaign developed by Ogilvy and Mather who were brought in at the end of last year.

The problem facing Guinness and its advertising men has been the appeal to the 25 to 35 age group - and break the stranglehold of lager - while retaining the loyalty of its older customers who would be disturbed to suddenly find themselves buying a "cult" drink.

Mr Gary Luddington, marketing director of Guinness Brewing, said: "The Guinness campaign provided an important and successful boost - as our rising sales trend over the past two years and a half has shown. But we had to move on to a long-term campaign theme, which positively presents the goodness in Guinness."

The vehicle he has chosen for this is the so-called "Genius concept" - which stresses the skill of the makers while embracing the social values of the confident Guinness drinker.

No expense has been spared in the making of the 20-60-second television commercials which will launch the campaign.

Guinness is a unique pint, in the main sales volume depends on keeping lots of adults of all ages drinking the occasional Guinness regularly.

That is the challenge now facing the new advertising campaign. It remains to be seen whether the modern day skills of the admen employing cinematic techniques previously undreamed of can achieve the same results for the product as the persuasive artistry of John Gilroy.

The sets were so complex and of such a scale that it was necessary to use two stages at Pinewood Studios for more than a month.



## SIEMENS

Information for Siemens shareholders

## Siemens rides crest of continuing growth

Capital outlays almost doubled – work force up 14,000 – net profit margin at 2.5%

The billing of three major power plant contracts gave a strong thrust to Siemens sales during the period from 1 October 1984 to 30 June 1985, the first nine months of the company's current financial year.

An unabated influx of new orders, a doubling of capital expenditure and investment, and the recruitment of an additional 14,000 employees all point to continuing growth.

## New orders

New orders increased to £10,327m, 13% above last year's third-quarter level. International orders were mainly responsible, rising 19% to £5,426m. This reflects a growth rate more than twice that of German domestic business, which expanded 7% to £4,901m. Above-average gains were recorded by the Power Engineering & Automation Group, the Medical Engineering Group, and the Communication & Information Systems Group.

Despite a slackening of world IC markets, the Components Group recorded a dip of only 4% in new orders as against last year's third-quarter figures.

In £m	1/10/83 to 30/6/84	1/10/84 to 30/6/85	Change
New orders	9,123	10,327	+13%
Domestic business	4,575	4,901	+7%
International business	4,548	5,426	+19%

## Sales

Mainly due to the billing of three nuclear power plant contracts (Gundremmingen C, Grohnde, and Philippsburg 2), worldwide sales rose 38% to £10,442m, with German domestic sales climbing 67% to £5,865m. But even without power plant business, third-quarter sales increased 12% worldwide and 9% in the Federal Republic of Germany. International business rose 12% to £4,577m. Two-figure

growth was recorded by Components, Power Engineering & Automation, Communication & Information Systems, and Medical Engineering.

In £m	1/10/83 to 30/6/84	1/10/84 to 30/6/85	Change
Sales	7,590	10,442	+38%
Domestic business	3,508	5,865	+67%
International business	4,082	4,577	+12%

## Orders in hand

With the billing of the nuclear power plant contracts, orders in hand declined 3% to £14,567m; inventories eased 5% to £4,783m.

In £m	30/6/84	30/6/85	Change
Orders in hand	14,950	14,567	-3%
Inventories	5,017	4,783	-5%

## Employees

The company was again able to increase the number of its employees. Siemens now employs 340,000 people worldwide, 12,000 more than at the beginning of the financial year. Adjusted for the seasonal turnover of temporary student labour and apprenticeship trainees, the comparative increase was as high as 14,000. In the Federal Republic of Germany and Berlin (West) 8,000 additional employees brought the domestic work force to 232,000; 4,000 people were added abroad, making a total of 108,000. An average of 334,000 people were on Siemens payrolls during the period under review, 4% more

than for the comparable period last year. Employment costs rose 12% to £3,654m, due in part to foreign currency influences.

In thousands	30/6/84	30/6/85	Change
Employees	328	340	+4%
Domestic operations	224	232	+4%
International operations	104	108	+4%

	1/10/83 to 30/6/84	1/10/84 to 30/6/85	Change
Average number of employees in thousands	321	334	+4%
Employment costs in £m	3,270	3,654	+12%

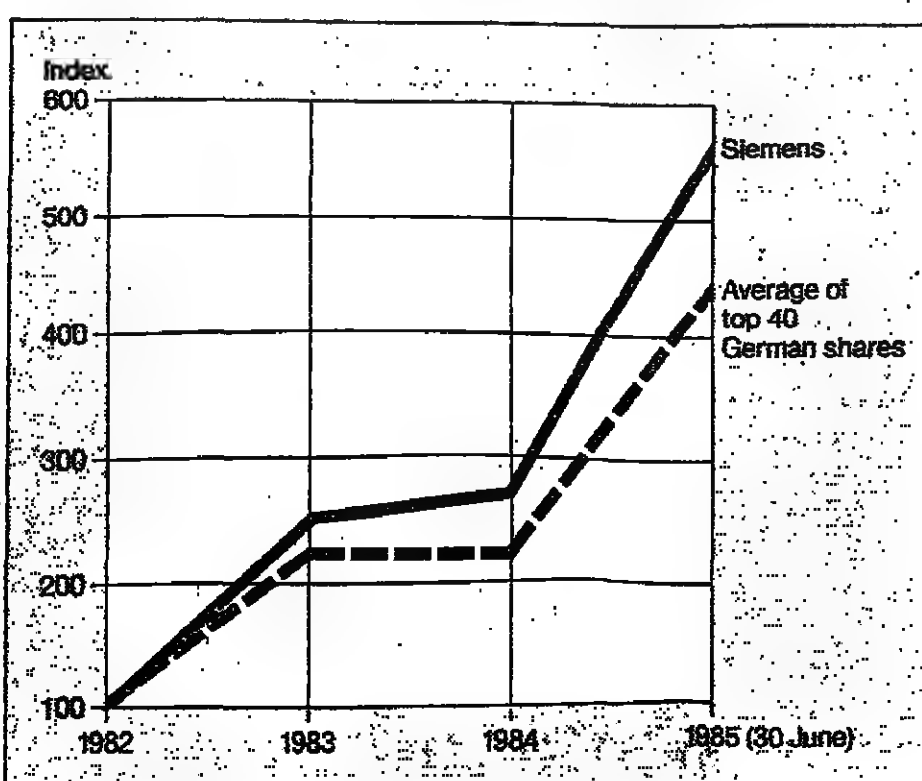
## Capital spending and net income

Siemens increased capital expenditure and investment to £669m, nearly doubling the £346m spent in the first nine months last year. Outlays were focused on the strategic growth sectors of office and factory automation, communication networks, and electronic components. Net income after taxes was £265m (last year £162m), yielding a net profit margin of 2.5%

as against 2.3% for the entire 1983/84 financial year.

In £m	1/10/83 to 30/6/84	1/10/84 to 30/6/85	Change
Capital expenditure and investment	346	669	+93%
Net income after taxes	162	265	+63%
In % of sales	2.1	2.5	

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## FINANCIAL SERVICES

## Why the nationalized industries must be called to account

By Ian Griffiths

Anybody who has stood on a cold and wet railway platform waiting for a train which may never come or queued interminably to buy a postage stamp will have had just cause to question whether our nationalized industries are doing their job properly.

The muted saloon bar grumbles become more voluble during the summer months when these industries reveal the extent of their profits or losses which, in many cases, tend to be massive and seem to bear no relation to the level of service provided or the price charged.

Although the size of the reported figures is of some concern, perhaps more worrying is how they are arrived at. For while there is often a reason, no matter how flimsy, why a train is cancelled or a letter mislaid, the same cannot always be said of some nationalized industries' accounting practices.

Given the vast differences in the nature of the state-owned businesses' operations and in the quality of their accounting, it is unfair to make broad generalizations. This is clear from the most recent flood of nationalized industry accounts which show that the auditors' opinions of the figures range from reliable to totally unreliable.

At one end of the spectrum, both the National Coal Board and British Steel have had their accounts heavily qualified, while British Gas, the Electricity Council and others have sailed through unscathed. Does this mean, therefore, that the NCB and BSC figures are not to be believed and that those produced by British Gas are?

On the surface, this would appear to be the case. The auditors have certainly raised some very serious questions about the reliability of both the NCB and BSC figures. These questions reflect more the inherent uncertainties which afflict both industries than the detailed problems of accounting practices, systems and controls.

Underpinning these specific problems, however, there is a more fundamental difficulty which is common to all nationalized industries. This relates to how they choose to prepare the accounts.

The choice is between historical cost and current cost accounting. In very general terms, historical cost accounting takes no account of the impact of inflation on the figures while current cost accounting makes some attempt to do so.

Not surprisingly, the nationalized industries have made their choice on the basis of which suits them best. BSC, the NCB and British Rail have all used historical cost accounting. All three organizations reported losses which would have been much greater had the current cost accounting approach been adopted.

The NCB's loss before interest was £1.7 billion but this would have increased to £1.94 billion if current cost accounting had been used.

British Rail would have seen its reported loss before interest of £214.9 million rise to £307 million if it had used current cost.

BSC had an overall loss for the year of £409 million, about £119 million less than would have been reported if it had used current cost accounting principles.

British Gas and the Electricity Council, however, believe that current cost accounting is most appropriate for them. The cynics would argue that this is because that basis generally tends to reduce their massive profits, although the industries themselves would not agree.

Both the gas and electricity industries have been firm fans of current cost accounting for some time and at times when energy price increases for the consumer always look bad against a backdrop of soaring profits, it is easy to see why.

For the Electricity Council,

	Profit/(loss) before interest 1984/85		Profit/(loss) before interest 1983/84	
	Current cost £m	Historical cost £m	Current cost £m	Historical cost £m
British Gas	651.2	930.5	849.1	1,127
British Airports Authority	89.5	71.7	49.5	51.6
British Steel	(189)	(70)	(156)	(105)
British Gas	(307)	(214.9)	(4)	88.6
The Post Office**	112.3	139.4	116.9	140.6
National Coal Board	(1939)	(1702)	(746)	(410)
Electricity Council	(1,277.1)	(146.6)	914.4	1852.8

\*Year to 31 December 1983, 15 months to March 1985.  
\*\*Figures for retained profits.

1984-85 was an unusual year. The effects of the miners' strike resulted in a mammoth loss rather than bumper profits. That loss before interest was £1,277.1 million compared with a £914.4 million profit the previous year.

Had the Electricity Council chosen to use historical cost accounting, that loss before interest would have been a mere £146.6 million which compares to a massive historical cost profit of £1,852.8 million it made in the year before.

In simple terms, in 1983-84 the Electricity Council more than halved its profits by adopting current cost accounting and in 1984-85 it could have almost eliminated its entire pre-interest loss had it used historical cost accounting.

### 'Some bottom line figures are not only unreliable but totally meaningless'

It is a similar tale at British Gas. It reported pre-tax profits of £736.4 million on the current cost basis. On a historical cost basis, that profit would have been £1,002.2 million.

British Gas explains that the reason why current cost accounting has been used is because of the levels of capital investment in the gas distribution system and the long life of the assets. Depreciation based on the historical cost of assets would not have reflected the true current costs incurred in maintaining the operating capacity of the business.

One must assume that, given the suitability of current cost accounting for British Gas, it will retain that approach when it becomes privatized. As an ardent supporter of this accounting basis, it will surely resist the temptation to adopt the historical cost accounting favoured by other companies in the private sector which would bring it higher profits.

### Dangerous to persist with accounting practices which are open to manipulation

The Government, eager to fill its coffers with the proceeds from the privatization, might encourage it to change its accounting basis since higher projected profits would mean a higher selling price but, British Gas' devotion to its existing basis would surely not let it take such a step.

Such devotion could not prevent British Telecom from changing its mind on the basis of accounting which was most appropriate when it moved into the private sector. Current cost accounting which had served it so well under state ownership was abandoned in favour of the high profits of historical cost.

It is amazing what the prospect of privatization can do for a company. Not only did BT switch its basis but it was also, almost by magic, able to sort out its previously poor accounting records and improve them to such an extent that an embarrassing qualified auditor's report was no longer necessary.

British Airways, which is also in line for privatization, could

not run the risk of having its 1984-85 accounts qualified over the uncertainties which surround the case against the airline brought by the liquidator of Laker Airways. Publication of the accounts has been delayed until later in the year in the hope that the matter will have been concluded to everybody's satisfaction.

Be it privatization or profit manipulation which prompts nationalized industries to take advantage of the flexibility of accounting requirements in this country and present the figures in the way which suits them best is not the question. Some observers now believe that certain national industries' bottom line figures are not only unreliable but totally meaningless. The question is: could they report their financial performance in a better fashion? The nationalized industries are unique enterprises in a unique market position so why try to force them into a financial reporting strait-jacket and make them prepare accounts in the same way as companies in the private sector which operate in an entirely different environment?

It is clear from the most recent batch of accounts that there is a great deal of interdependence between some of the industries which tends to cast doubts about their ability to report, independent of each other, figures which genuinely reflect performance. The Electricity Council, British Rail and BSC all blame their poor performance on the miners' strike.

This demonstrates quite clearly the interdependence, which surely must affect the crucial pricing decisions which are made by the supplying services. It would appear from the additional cost which the Electricity Council had to incur in purchasing fuel for its power stations that it is obtaining its coal at something of a knock-down price from the NCB.

This is perhaps too simplistic a view but it demonstrates that the true performance of the nationalized industries cannot be judged purely in terms of profit and loss accounts which are prepared on highly subjective assumptions and accounting principles.

Similarly, those annual reports take no account of the social costs which are an integral part of so many of the nationalized industries. While it may be perfectly acceptable for managers of private companies to take the maximization of shareholder wealth as prime goal, this cannot be true of nationalized industries.

The quest for profit will not always necessarily bring the improvement in efficiency which are rightly sought from the nationalized industries nor in the short term will it necessarily best serve the longer-term needs of the industry.

For some industries a simple cash accounting approach might produce a better indication of performance, thus removing many of the distortions which traditional accounting practice encourages.

It is an issue which needs some attention. There is clearly a need for some kind of performance measurement but it is highly dangerous to persist with ones which are patently open to manipulation and which in some cases are based on inappropriate criteria.

## Hotel income rises by 32%

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Hotels in the United Kingdom improved their income by nearly a third last year. Profitability went up as room occupancy levels rose, according to the latest survey\* on Britain's hotel industry by Pannell Kerr Forster Associates, the hotel consultants.

The survey says: "Results for the year to date indicate that the positive trends of 1983 and 1984 are continuing unabated." The sector is expected to continue expansion to meet growing demand.

A big factor in last year's successful results was the 9.7 per cent increase in the number of overseas visitors to Britain, including a 17.4 per cent jump in those coming from the United States.

Occupancy rates on average through the year rose by 6.1 per

cent to 72.6 per cent for all hotels, with provincial hotels registering a 9.1 per cent increase to 65.5 per cent. London hotel occupancy was up 3.8 per cent to 79.7 per cent, with smaller hotels of under 400 bedrooms seeing rates of 82.6 per cent.

London hotels were full almost to capacity in the peak months and their overflow brought more business to the area around the capital. The capital could also benefit the provinces if overseas visitor volumes stay high, the survey suggests.

Profitability has been improved as the ratio of expenses to revenue has gone down. The ratio on room operations was down 6.3 per cent and on food

and drink down 2.2 per cent. In London income per room rose 32.1 per cent, with the average achieved room rate at £43.86. Food sales were up 14.7 per cent and drink sales up 9.2 per cent.

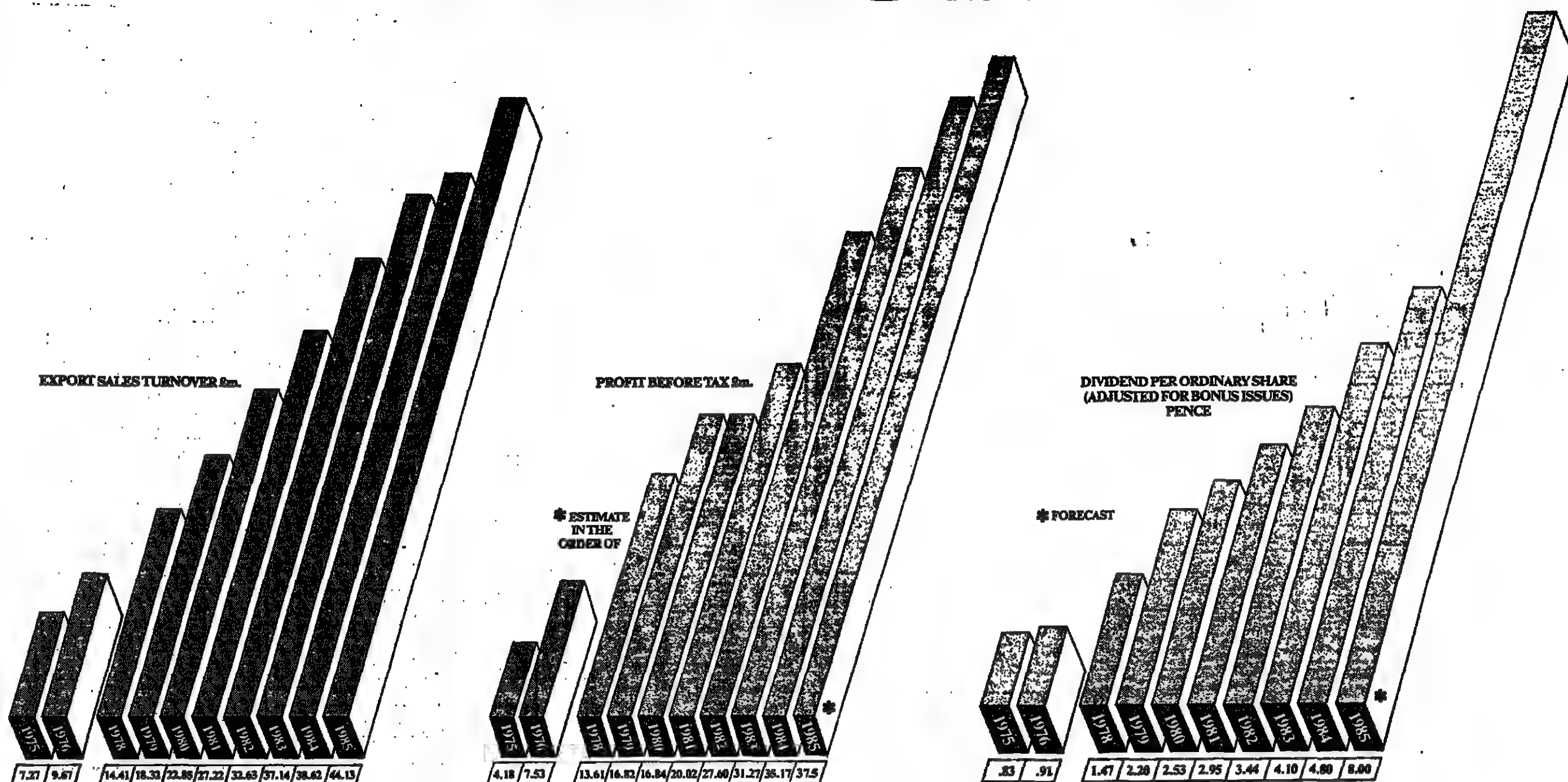
Because competition from restaurants is not so intense outside London, provincial hotels did better on food and drink operations.

After London, Scotland had the highest average room rate at £35.17 with the average room occupancy standing at 75.5 per cent.

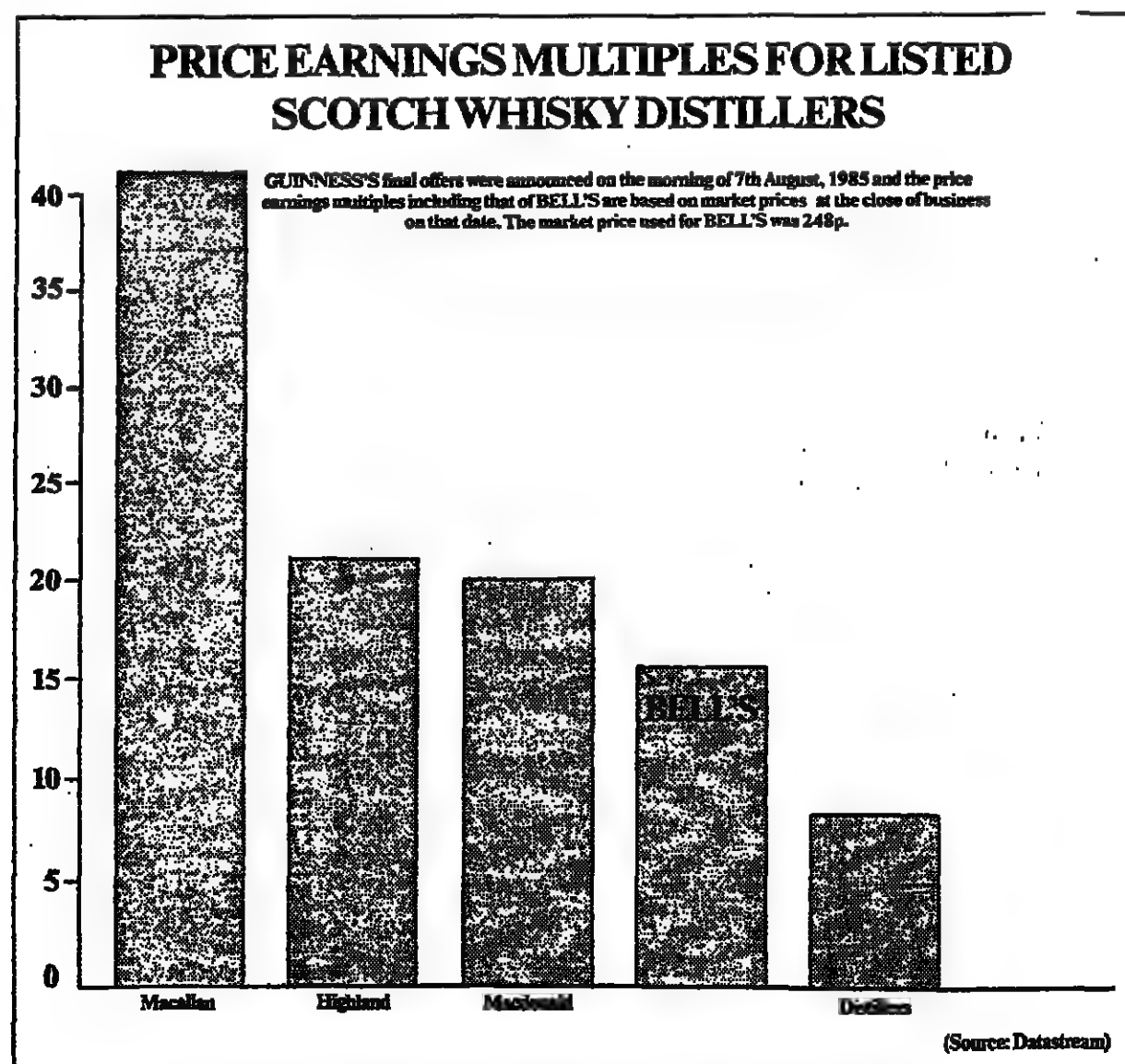
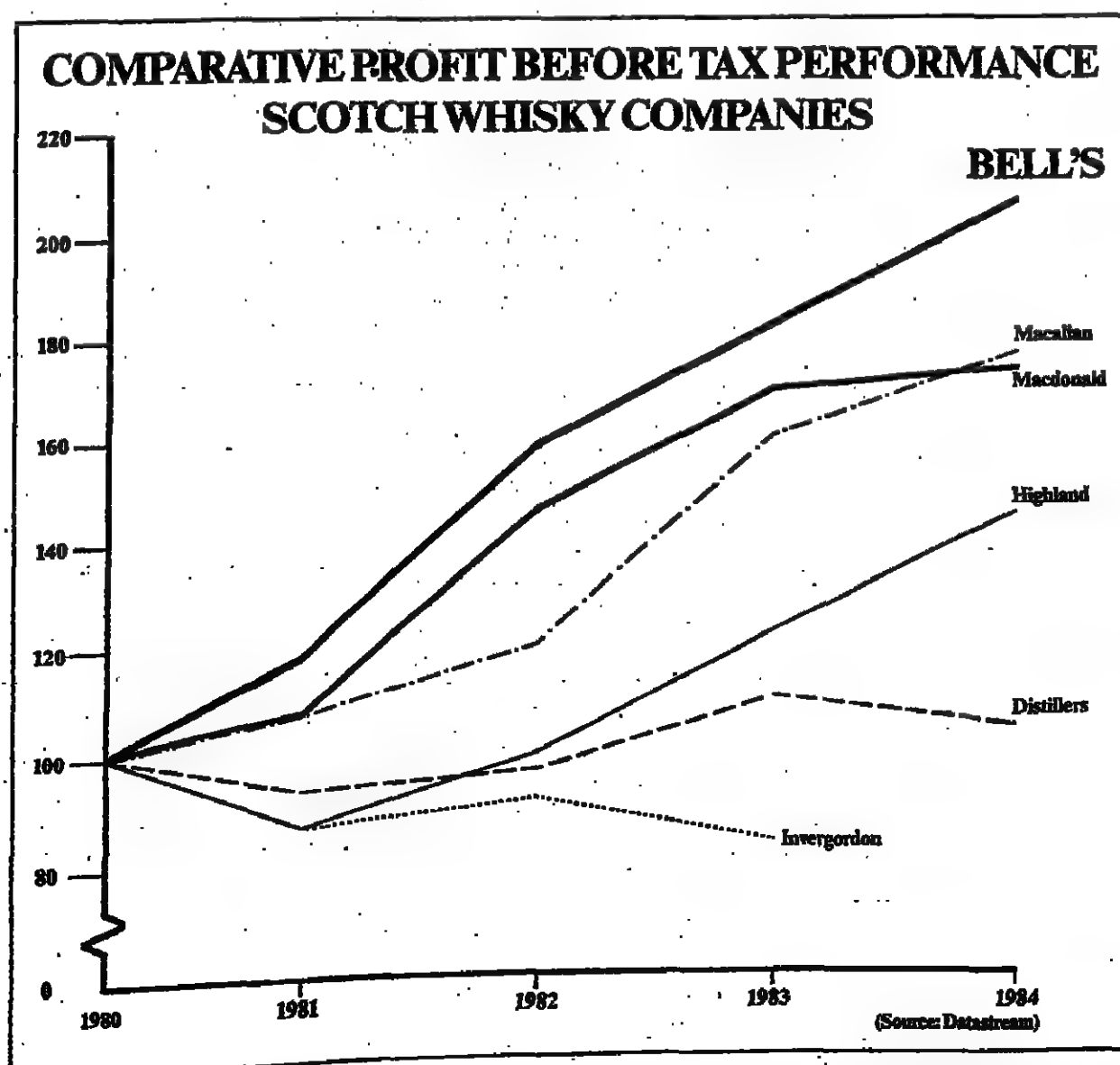
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8	Ward White	
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10	Preedy (Alfred)	
11	Vantona Vyella	
12	Evode	
13	Halma	
14	Kenway (A)	
15	Kennedy Smith	
16	James & Shipman	
17	Chymed	
18	Isorion	
19	Ficelle C & W	
20	French (Thomas)	
21	Fogarty	
22	ELECTRICALS	
23	Arden Elec	
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25	BKC	
26	Cable & Wireless	
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28	Scholar (GH)	
29	Phicom	
30	Thorn EMI	
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34	Dec	
35	Apoll	
36	Maynards	
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1985	High	Low	Start	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld	P/E

BRITISH FUNDS									
SHORTS (Under Five Years)									
Fund	1984	1985	High	Low	Start	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS								
1985	High	Low	Start	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld	P/E
90%	90%	90%	10%	1985	100	100	11.85	10.25
90%	90%	90%	10%	1985	100	100	10.07	10.75
91%	91%	91%	9%	1985	95	95	3.14	8.51
90%	90%	90%	10%	1985	100	100	10.15	10.57
97%	97%	97%	15%	1985	101	101	11.81	10.83
94%	94%	94%	8%	1984-85	95	95	8.64	10.51
94%	94%	94%	5%	1984-85	95	95	3.25	10.51

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS									
1985	101%	Each	10/1%	1987	100%			12,832	10.48
1986	94%	Trans	10/1%	1987	99%			10,288	10.54
1987	84%	Each	8/4%	1987	90%			8,708	8.00
1988	86%	Each	10/4%	1987	90%			10,583	10.82
1989	84%	Fund	8/4%	1988	94%			8,971	10.20
1990	84%	Trans	10/4%	1987	94%			10,104	10.42

1985	Trans	97-1985	100	+	11.998	10.61
1985	Trans	12-1985	100	+	8.199	10.28
1985	Trans	74-1985	99	+	10.379	10.57
1985	Trans	10-1985	99	+	8.955	10.63
1985	Trans C	94-1985	97	+	3.483	8.95
1985	Trans	35-1978	99	+	8.910	10.57
1985	Trans	81-1985	99	+		

INDEX-LINKED									
	1985	High	Low	Start	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld	P/E
511	95%	Trans	97 1/2	1980	100 1/2	+ 1 1/2	100	7.255	10.98
511	95%	Trans C	97 1/2	1980	99 1/2	+ 1 1/2	100	9.851	10.98
511	70%	Trans	97 1/2	1980	91 1/2	+ 1 1/2	100	9.971	8.84
511	95%	Trans	101 1/2	1980	99 1/2	+ 1 1/2	100	10.938	10.64
511	95%	Exch	10 1/2	1980	97 1/2	+ 1 1/2	100	10.227	10.68
511	94%	Exch	11 1/2	1980	100 1/2	+ 1 1/2	100	10.918	10.74
28	28	Trans	97 1/2	1980	97 1/2	+ 1 1/2	100	8.891	8.74

107 1/2	101 1/2	Trade	12 1/2	1980	104 1/2	+	11.388	10.20
107 1/2	99 1/2	Exec	3 1/2	1980	101 1/2	+	70.881	70.50
108	100 1/2	Exec	12 1/2	1980	108 1/2	+	11.732	10.80
177 1/2	78 1/2	Trade	3 1/2	1980	77 1/2	+	5.353	9.40
182 1/2	86 1/2	Trade	5 1/2	1987-90	81 1/2	+	5.870	70.40

30%	91	Trans C	10%	1980	100%	..	10.291	10.71
35%	89%	Trans	114%	1981	100%	..	11.305	10.75
37%	79	Fund	84%	1987-81	107%	..	6.736	9.13
34%	85%	Exch	11%	1991	104%	..	10.867	10.71
12	100%	Trans	324%	1982	115%	..	11.889	10.73
100%	87%	Trans	10%	1982	97%	..	10.287	10.68

11 1/2	88 1/2	Loan	12 1/2	1982	108 1/2	●	11,467	18.87
17 1/2	104 1/2	Each	13 1/2	1982	111 1/2	●	11,990	19.97
11 1/2	99 1/2	Trans	12 1/2	1983	110 1/2	●	11,483	19.78
8 1/2	74 1/2	Fund	8 1/2	1983	80 1/2	●	7,414	9.43
10	108 1/2	Trans	13 1/2	1983	119	●	11,850	19.87
10 1/2	109 1/2	Trans	14 1/2	1984	120 1/2	●	11,898	19.72

12%	80%	Each	12%	1984	100%	11.408	10.97
10%	80%	Trans	5%	1984	80%	8.889	10.48
10%	80%	Trans	12%	1985	100%	11.238	10.80
7 1/2%	81%	Gas	3%	1980-85	70%	4.298	7.41
9 1/4%	80%	Each	10 1/4%	1980	95	10.953	10.71
10%	100%	Trans	10 1/4%	1980	110%	11.985	10.77

31%	84%	Trans	9%	1982-85	80%	●	..	8,802	10.41
31%	120%	Trans	18 1/2%	1986	131%	●	..	12,013	10.59
1%	100	Exch	13 1/2%	1986	119%	●	..	11,449	10.78
10%	107	Trans	13 1/2%	1987	117%	●	..	11,403	10.74
62%	85%	Exch	10 1/2%	1987	98%	●	+	10,580	10.85
91%	79%	Trans	8 1/2%	1987	80%	●	+	9,803	10.44

75%	80%	Each	94%	1998	..	..	10.25	10.50
78%	79%	Treas	94%	1985-98	78	..	8.800	10.10
32%	122%	Treas	154%	1988	137%	+1/8	11.794	10.825
13%	102%	Each	12%	1996	113	..	11.012	10.707
95%	85%	Treas	97%	1988	94%	..	10.164	10.380
10%	100%	Each	124%	1998	115%	+1/2	11.043	10.707

BANKS DISCOUNT HP								
1985	High	Low	Start	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld	P/E
20	97%	Corw	107%	1050	100%	+	10.475	10.20
20	107%	Treas	10%	2030	110%	..	11.175	10.50
20	114%	Treas	14%	1988-01	124%	..	11.642	10.80
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS								
97%	92%	Corw	97%	2300	95%	+	10.211	10.33

20 1/2	82 1/2	Conv	10%	2002	100%	..	10.279	10.34
20 1/2	10 1/2	Treas	15 1/2%	2002	25%	..	10.158	10.225
20 1/2	11 1/2	Treas	13 1/2%	2000-03	125%	..	11.248	10.72
13 1/2	10 1/2	Treas	11 1/2%	2001-04	100%	..	10.828	10.42
9 1/2	9 1/2	Treas	10%	2004	99%	..	10.228	10.27
5 1/2	4 1/2	Fund	7 1/2%	1999-04	51%	..	9.994	8.94

BANKS DISCOUNT HP								
1985	High	Low	Start	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld	P/E
394	94%	2000	10%	2000	10%	..	10.217	10.17
395	110	Trans	12%	2003-06	118%	..	10.717	10.43
396	78%	Trans	8%	2002-06	85%	..	9.857	10.00
397	70%	Trans	11%	2003-07	111%	..	10.815	10.40
398	117%	Trans	75%	2004-08	129%	..	10.248	10.48
399	57	Trans	5%	2008-12	60%	..	9.081	9.81
400	24%	Trans	2%	2010-10	2%	..	9.801	9.77

UNDATED								
30	32	War L1	3 1/2	36 1/2	..	8.881	9.081	
40	37	Consols	4	40 1/2	..	9.880	9.980	
45	41	Conv	3 1/2	45 1/2	..	7.883	7.983	
51	38	Treas.	3 1/2	51 1/2	..	10.000	10.000	

24	25	Treas	2 1/2	26	..	4.988	3.98
INDEX-LINKED						(a)	(b)
15 1/2	105 1/2	Treas B.	2%	1988	115 1/2	4.541	3.40
89 1/2	91 1/2	Treas B.	2%	1990	85 1/2	4.304	3.65
14 1/2	108	Treas B.	2%	1998	112 1/2	4.923	3.18

03%	88%	Trans E.	2%	2003	100%			3.847	3.45
07	93%	Trans E.	2%	2006	100%			3.503	3.33
04	88%	Trans E.	2%	2009	100%			3.443	3.28
08%	101	Trans E.	2%	2011	105			3.383	3.24
91	85%	Trans E.	2%	2013	98			3.346	3.20
98%	91%	Trans E.	2%	2018	85%			3.321	3.18

Prospective real redemption yield on projected inflation rate (RPI) of (a) 5% and (b) 10%									
1985	Company	Price	Chg	Gross Div	Yld	P/E			

BANKS DISCOUNT HP									
1985	High	Low	Start	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld	P/E	

4/1	Bass	573			18.0	3.3	14.2
130	Bell (Arthur)	256		-7	11.4b	4.5	14.1
39	Bellman	49		+1	1.1	2.2	27.7
88	Boddingtons	83		+2	4.1	4.5	12.1
258	Brown (Macneil)	498	■	+3	12.2	2.9	21.7
115	Bulmer (H P)	127	●	..	7.8	3.1	11.1

417	Devonport (A) Ry	250		17.4	2.6	18	
270	Duplars	290	●	+1	21.4	7.3	8
407 1/2	Forshaw Burton	415	r	..	14.5	3.4	9
159	Greenall Whaley	184	●	+1	8.5	3.5	12
146	Greene King	229		+2	7.0	3.3	14
225	Grimshaw	272		+1	10.3	3.8	11
	Hamlyn & Hammond	177			72.3	5.8	13

124	Investor's Club	147	+	3	8.1	4.1	18
120	Irish Club	143	+	3	6.6	4.2	
57	Marston Thompson	65	+	..	2.8	3.3	14
179	Metland	222	+	5	8.8	3.8	13
208	SA Breweries	218	+	7	..	..	..

258	Wheat	340	-7	14.9	4.1	13.1
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185	Do 'B'	256	..	9.9	4.2	12.1
162	Wheatbread low	154	..	8.8	5.8	28.1
279	Wheatflour D	372	+2	11.3	3.0	16.1

BANKS DISCOUNT HP								
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201	50	Parish Hill	140	..	5.0	8.0	35
202	48	Postmaster (Henry)	58	..	5.0	8.0	35
203	225	Aus Now Z	256	● +1	28.0	10.5	..
187	11 1/2	Bankamerica	211 1/2	● - 1/2	..	..	..
50	225	Bank Of Montreal	350	..	17.0	4.5	..
182	12 1/2	Bank Leased Int'l	215	..	..	..	..
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29	337 1/2		Bank of Montreal	460	..	18.6
30	332		Barclays	387	..	24.5
31	365		Brown Shipley	405	..	13.2
32	408		Credit Allen	538	..	41.3
33	23 1/2		Canadas	31 1/2	+1	2.1
34	38 1/2		Chase Manhattan	332 1/2	..	364

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## STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Listless market

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Aug 12. Dealings End, Aug 30. Contango Day, Sept 2. Settlement Day, Sept 9.  
\$ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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BUILDING AND ROADS								
1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld	P/E

FINANCE AND LAND								
1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld	P/E

FOODS								
1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld	P/E

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS								
1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld	P/E

CINEMAS AND TV								
1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld	P/E

DRAPERY AND STORES								
1985	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Dr	Yld	P/E

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HOTELS AND CATERERS								
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OVERSEAS TRADERS								
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PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G								
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COMPUTER HORIZONS

Edited by Matthew May

## Artists find new image

More than 30,000 computer-graphics specialists converged on San Francisco last month to stage a convention which could show the rest of the ailing microcomputer industry a way forward, writes Geoff Hinchwright.

The annual Sig-Graph convention attracted the interest of the huge US defence business, the film and the design community and the television and engineering professions - all of whom were keen to harness modern microcomputer-graphics technology to their work.

Some companies - such as Lucasfilm, the group behind the *Star Wars* trilogy of films - are already so well-versed in computer technology that they have begun developing their own computer systems. Lucasfilm has come up with an image-processing computer, the Pixar, and is to establish a separate company to market and develop further computer-graphics products. The research for these products will no doubt be carried out by developing special effects for the next galactic series planned by the founder of Lucasfilm, George Lucas.

But Lucasfilm was not the only *Star Wars* representative at the show. Companies which supply computer equipment to the defence industry were abuzz with rumours that the planned "star wars" strategic defence initiative (SDI) will mean big contracts for computer-graphics specialists. According to these reports, the Pentagon intends to tender for computer-generated "architecture studies", which will allow military planners to study the use of kinetic-energy weapons in space and ways of detecting missiles while they are in space.

The explosion of interest in the computer-graphics industry comes at a time when much of the old guard micro industry is in trouble. This was not lost on Commodore Business Machines, which used the show to give a special technical preview of its new graphics-oriented Amiga computer only two days after the machine's New York launch.

The artists, however, were still the stars. Though the computer is becoming an increasingly important avenue for American artists, the technology looks only as good as the people demonstrating it.

And the advent of image processing has been an important for artists as the development of the word-processor was for writers and the spreadsheet for financial planners and accountants. Images can now be manipulated easily on a computer screen.

The most popular art form at the show was the animated computer film, now often used as part of the background to rock-music videos.

It could well be that such films will also go a long way to pulling the computer industry out of its doldrums and back into large-scale profit.

## Amstrad's all-in-one machine

By Geoff Hinchwright

Amstrad, the surprise success story in last year's otherwise depressing home computer market, will announce today plans it hopes will scotch suggestions that the company is running on "beginner's luck".

In addition to a new micro, with a built-in disc drive and 128K of computer memory, the company will also announce a complete word processing system for £399. It will include word-processing software, a monochrome screen, one disc drive, 256K of memory and a printer.

The system also uses "CP/M Plus" - one industry standard method of operating a micro. It means that popular business programs such as the Multiplan and SuperCalc spreadsheets - and electronic ledgers - and the Wordstar word-processing system can be used.

Each disc should be able to hold the equivalent of 120 A4 pages of double-spaced type.

It is likely to seriously affect the already sluggish sales of Sinclair's £399 QL computer which requires additional expense to provide a printer and screen and uses a high-speed tape system rather than a proper disc drive.

The Sinclair QL suffered from serious delays in its delivery when first announced and could not cope with the high initial demand. It is to be hoped that Amstrad's new machine will not have similar problems.

But despite its aggressive pricing and marketing, Amstrad will still have to find answers to a question which has dogged its competitors: do consumers want to buy any more home computers?

While those who write



Prices tumble: A complete word-processing system for £399

extensively at home are bound to find the new system attractive it will have to appeal to a far wider audience if it is to reach the kind of sales figures Amstrad will be looking for at this price level.

Sinclair and Commodore - with the QL and Plus-Four computers, respectively - have found that the answer does not lie in offering business-type uses to home computer buyers.

Sinclair is reported to have sold only about 60,000 QLs, while Commodore is said to be disappointed with the sales of its Plus-Four and was forced to halve the price of the machine within six months of the launch. At the "entertainment" end of the market Amstrad will find even stiffer competition -

although perhaps a more willing buying audience. The best-selling machines in that sector are still the Commodore 64 and Spectrum Plus.

These two market leaders are also reported to be on the verge of announcing their own new 128K machines - both of which will be able to use much of the all-important software programs of the existing Commodore and Sinclair micros, respectively.

Commodore has already announced its C-128 machine to good magazine reviews and enthusiastic dealers, while Sinclair, if it survives its current problems, is expected to announce a 128K machine within the next month. But the extra memory in the

new 128K specification - which seems to be sweeping the micro world - may not be enough. No consumers are going to be dazzled by statistics unless they can see anything useful to do with the machine that produces them.

Amstrad has addressed this problem partly by offering a range of machines with a variety of software - and making sure that they will all "plug-in-and-go".

But it can't be long before other manufacturers jump on the bandwagon and start throwing in cassette recorders, monitors and disc drives to compete with Amstrad, and then the company will lose some of its current marketing advantage.

## SDP trips up on red-tape plan

### THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone  
Technology Correspondent

Governments of all persuasions, while decrying bureaucracy, are usually the first to create it. The Social Democratic Party's document on new technology, published last week, shows that even before tasting power, it is as keen as any party to enlarge the bureaucracy.

The paper, *Focus on the Future, A Strategy for Innovation*, outlined the SDP industrial strategy on new technology. It identified most of the areas needing attention: finance, education, training, research and development.

The strategy was a mixture of accurate assessment and misguided policy. The SDP architects have fallen into the same political traps as the Labour and Conservative parties.

Under Labour the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) and the National Enterprise Board (NEB) were given substantial licence. As the primary vehicles for promoting high technology innovation both had their problems. In the end they were forced into a marriage, spawning the British Technology group.

When the Conservatives came to power Mrs Thatcher did not disguise her dislike of it, stripping it of most of its influence, channelling university research success on to the shop floor and allowing professors to take their innovation wherever they liked.

Yet in its place she created her own strata of bureaucracy. One notable example in high tech is the Cable

Authority, which was needed mainly because the Government would not liberalize the cable television industry on the scale it had promised. Its satellite equivalent, which has grown in the shadow of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, came to be needed because the Government cannot provide a satisfactory policy on space and international telecommunications.

The SDP has recognized the role for government. The paper says: "Government should provide the inspiration and the framework that enables industry to develop in a competitive environment. But with new technologies there is an urgency that cannot wait for the inevitable hand of the market place to take effect; moreover, history shows that British industry is not always responsive to market pressures for innovation."

What history has shown is that the same sluggish approach to major government industrial decisions on high tech is the same as was adopted by army quartermasters a century ago.

The SDP claims: "We are only too well aware of the dangers that too much

bureaucracy can create for industry, and we recognize that civil servants are not necessarily equipped to pick market winners."

It is therefore inconsistent that the SDP should suggest the creation of two new bureaucracies which are supposed to act as the principal catalysts to Britain's high technology/computer innovation. The party supports the creation of two new organizations - initially under the influence of the British Technology group, which "would have provision for greater independence of action by incorporating mechanisms that keep them at arm's length from government interference".

The SDP has missed the entire point of why we do not have a satisfactory industrial strategy and policy. There is no government competence, influence with one responsibility has been the by-word. And there is no minister of senior rank able to commandeer the resources needed to implement a proper high-tech strategy.

The formula for a successful industrial strategy is to ensure that there is government interference but with an end in mind.

The SDP's commitment to increasing the budget on scientific research by £40 million, the allocation of £200 million to research in new corporations to help develop its commitment to education and training and the tax incentives it has outlined in its blueprint have all identified the problem. But the solution still rests in Whitehall.

## Commodore loss wipes out \$10 million profit

### COMPUTER BRIEFING

microcomputers just published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Though aimed at accountants, who are apparently increasingly being asked by their clients to advise on the selection of computers, the guide gives a good introduction to the areas that need to be scrutinized before any computers are bought. It can also be useful in deciding whether to go it alone, hire your accountant or go the whole hog and bring in a computer consultant.

The *Work Pack on Microcomputers* cost £8.50 and is available from Member Services Directorate, ICA, Gloucester House, 399 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 2HL.

### Floor plan

An advanced computer system that automatically translates complex design requirements into the most efficient step-by-step instructions for assembly workers on the factory floor has been developed by an American company.

The assembly instructions, displayed on work-station terminals, are generated by system software that uses artificial intelligence to analyse the product design data. The Productivity-based Automated Design and Manufacturing System (PADMS), from the Hughes Aircraft Company, is claimed to save man-hours and increase production yields.

A Hughes official said: "PADMS can also deliver feedback to designers. Supported with up-to-date information about

manufacturing cost and complexity, equipment availability, engineers will be able to make informed trade off decisions while a design is still in its early stages."

As a result, the number of late design changes is expected to be reduced significantly. When such changes are necessary, they can be inserted into the PADMS data base, without the delays usually associated with issuing design changes on paper.

The official added: "Manually, it could take 140 hours to organize and write a typical circuit board workbook; this can now be done in 30 hours or so."

The development became operational earlier this year at the company's Electro-Optical and Data Systems Group whose products include laser range finders, thermal imaging systems and space sensors used for a variety of military applications.

### DHSS switch

In an interim measure before the £700 million computerization of the DHSS, claimants will soon be bar-coded. Without computerized information, keeping track of the cardboard files that contain each claimant's details is becoming increasingly time-consuming.

In 1985 all DHSS local offices will run the tracking system which gives each file a unique bar-code similar to those used in supermarkets. Using a pen-sized bar-code reader attached to a computer terminal, the location of files is stored as they move offices. Trevor Cook, DHSS account manager at Hewlett Packard, which is providing the equipment, said: "The new tracking system means that DHSS staff can locate a stray file at the touch of a button, reducing time spent searching considerably."

## Don't phone, it's cheaper to use radio waves

By Tony Dennis

The real danger with putting a modem in the hands of most of today's young computer enthusiasts is not theft of data, but the huge quarterly phone bills they might run up.

Surprisingly, using radio waves instead of telephone lines appears to offer a simple solution. No giant technological step is needed. It is just as easy to build a modem to work in conjunction with a radio transmitter/receiver as it is to make a modem for telephone lines.

Small groups of micro enthusiasts dotted about the country have already been sending messages to each other, making legitimate use of free wavelengths. The most active amateur exponents of radio data transmission are those with Acorn BBC computers.

The requisite software for such purposes already exists and has been distributed at a low charge to interested parties.

The principle is simple. Information in computer files is turned into small packets of data which are then broadcast. If corruption occurs in the transmission, only the affected packets need be re-sent. The system allows as many as six users to chat to each other simultaneously.

The technique is not new and has been borrowed from a commercial method in which data is sent by telephone lines. The equivalent system in Britain is known as Packet SwitchStream.

The way the BBC micro has been constructed means that the need for a modem can be dispensed with in software.



Naturally, this keeps costs low. However, owners of other makes of micro can buy the necessary hardware and software elsewhere.

The snag is that to participate in such activities the micro user must also be a licensed radio amateur. Few youngsters are going to be willing to sit through a set of exams when an easier and cheaper alternative exists. CB radios are the obvious target. Naturally their use for data is illegal.

On the other hand, CB's main attraction was always its novel image. Britain may well be on the point of experiencing a new kind of CB pirate where US slang is replaced by the tones and whistles of data being sent by modem.

As is often the case, North America has a lead over Britain in this field. Significantly though, Federal deregulation of certain areas of the FM sideband has legalized such activity. This has led to both commercial and amateur exploitation.

A company called Dataspeed produced modems which allowed IBM PC users to access financial data being broadcast by radio. Although not a great

success, micro industry giant Lotus Development thought Dataspeed important enough to buy into.

Amateurs took advantage of the situation to start what have come to be known as packet radio bulletin boards. A bulletin board is a microcomputer set up by its owner to exchange messages automatically between callers.

Many such boards were formerly run using telephone lines. In their place have come aerials and radio transceivers. To run such a board in Britain would be illegal since unlicensed stations are banned. Bulletin boards can run 24 hours a day unattended.

Critics will probably claim that the air waves in Britain are already stretched to maximum capacity. But packet radio is just as economical on frequencies as cellular radio. Space can obviously be found.

British Telecom's launching of *Linkline* 0800 is a possible alternative solution. The service is an automatic form of Freefone where the subscriber not the caller is charged for the call. Such lines have already existed for some time in the United States - numbers using the 800 dialling code are toll free.

Many enterprising US businesses have taken advantage to provide on-line services which cost nothing to access. The bad news for British hackers is that there is no way of dialling them - calls from Britain cannot be connected to US toll free numbers. But some hacker is bound to find a way.

### Chinese check

A contract to supply the Chinese with a computer communications system has been blocked by CoCom, an organization of largely Nato countries which vets the sale of western equipment to communist countries. The order, which was placed with the French state-owned Compagnie Generale d'Electricite, was, says the French government, blocked by the US representatives on CoCom because of fears that the system could be used for military purposes.

The European countries in CoCom are said to have voted in favour of the deal. European high-technology manufacturers have alleged that the US could be holding up such European deals until internal restrictions on US companies exporting to the same area are sorted out.

### Micro guide

If you are one of those in the unenviable position of trying to find unbiased advice on the selection and implementation of microcomputer systems in business you could consult as a start a work pack on

### Sales of Thornhill, Ontario, leaders in vapour-sensing technology, is to develop an electronic-based "super-sniffer", called Aronic to detect contraband material sealed in land, sea and air freight cargo containers and has received a \$2m 3.1 million Canadian Federal grant.

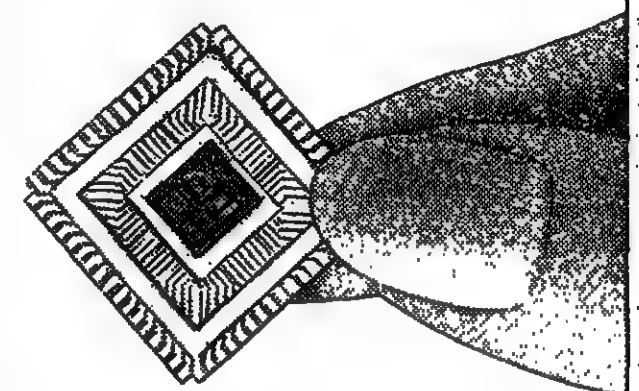
Ned Reid, vice-president of marketing, said: "To show how sensitive the device is it could detect one drop of alcohol allowed to diffuse throughout the Astrodome in Houston, Texas, if the stadium was completely sealed. But it can also be used to detect other contraband including weapons, explosives and drugs."

The growth of sealed containers used in transport goods has made detection of contraband extremely

difficult. In most countries cargo is examined manually by X-rays or by dogs trained to sniff out drugs and other materials. Inspection by hand takes time in packing and unpacking and can cause damaged goods and delays to cargo. It is claimed that with the computerized Aronic, two people can examine between 20 and 40 standard cargo containers within an hour without opening them.

The Aronic detects contraband in closed containers or vehicles by sampling the air around the cargo shipment. Part of the sniffer is housed inside a concrete building. The nose inhales odours through the container walls for 80 seconds and passes the vapour into chambers where they are identified and measured.

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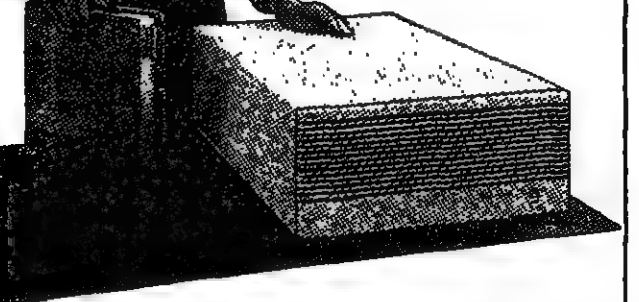
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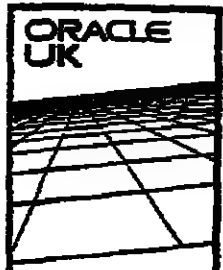
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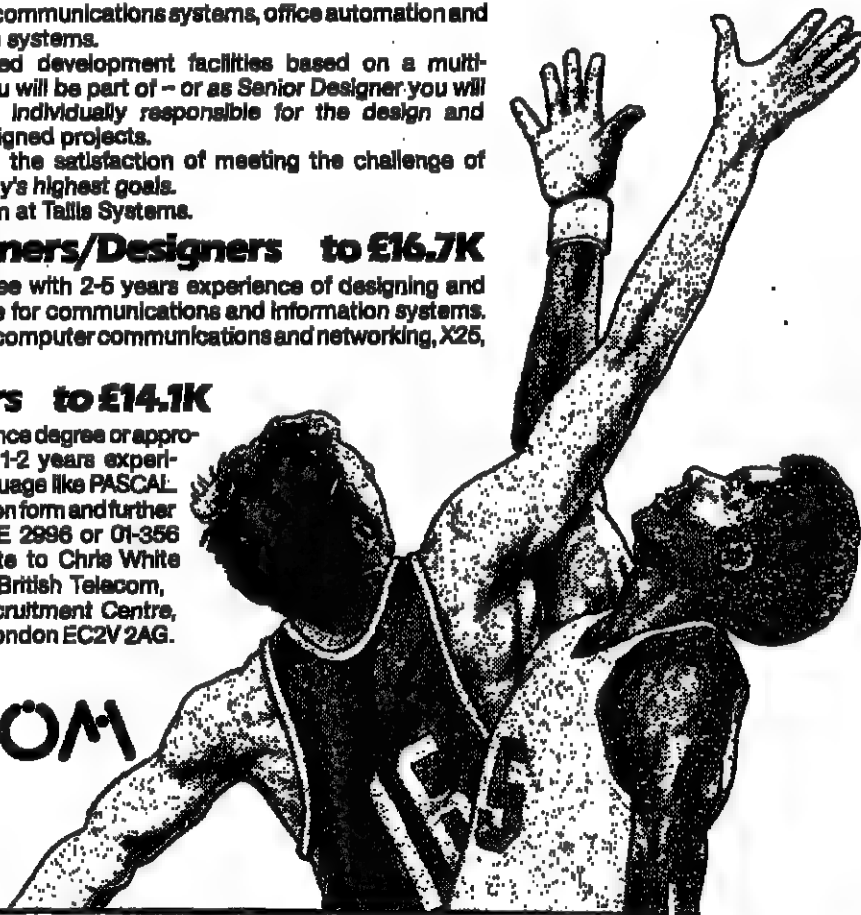
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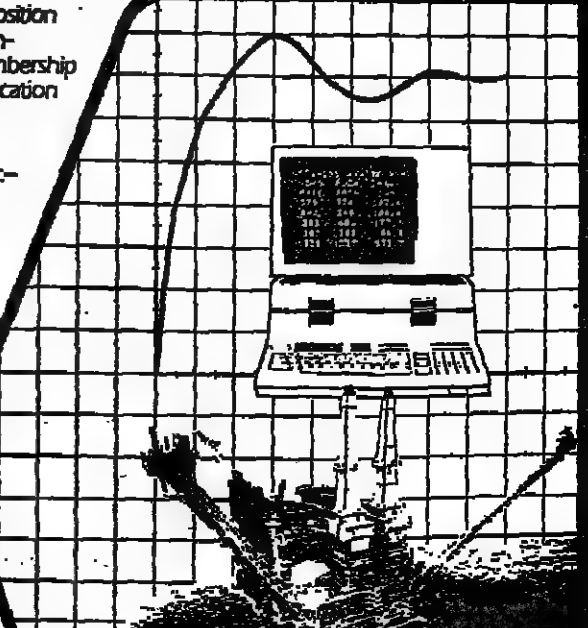
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Cricket: Gower the nonpareil and Ellison the unequalled as they clear the way for victory in the fifth Test

## Botham and Gower — heroes, after their time

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

I do not understand. I just do not understand what is going on out there. The cricketers of today — they just do not belong on the same ground as the people of my time.

I remember the old days. I will tell you about one day, say, 1954. I was back in 1954. England were 545 for three at tea — what times they were. We were playing for the Ashes, and let me tell you, in those days an Ashes series really was an Ashes series. It was at Edgbaston, on a Monday — I remember it like it was yesterday.

What cricketers had in those days — not like today's shabby apologies for players. Let me tell you, standards have really fallen. But back in the old days, we had living legends playing for England — cricketers who never put a foot wrong throughout their entire career.

There was David Gower. What a captain he was. Never relaxed or lazy like today's players — he was just brilliant. Everyone gave him praise for his timing, why, he never even needed to move his feet, not like today's lot. Tough and decisive in the field, hard working, grinding and determined as a batsman — that is the way we will always remember him.

I remember that day at Edgbaston, when he scored 197 before

lunch, reached his 200 before we had finished our puddings, and we said then that we would never see his like again. And Lord knows, we have been proved right by the cricketers of today.

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# The day England ran amok with bat and ball

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

EDGBASTON: Australia with five second-innings wickets in hand, need 223 runs to avoid innings defeat.

With the wickets of Wood, Wessels, Hutton and Border for one run in 15 balls, Richard Ellison made more or less certain that England, granted the weather, will win the fifth Test match, sponsored by Cornhill, today. Having declared their first innings at 595 for five, they took five wickets in Australia's second innings for 37 runs in the 95 minutes' bowling which they were able to leave themselves.

England's total, their highest against Australia since 1964, gave them a lead of 260, the runs coming at such a good rate that much of the time lost on the first two days was made up. Gower became only the sixth Englishman to score a double hundred against Australia (Barrington, R E Foster, Hammond, who made four, Hutton and Paine the others) and Gower with a quick hundred and Lamb both did just what England needed.

Then when Australia went in their vice-captain, Hilditch, threw away his wicket by giving one of Botham's two long legs a catch off a long hop. When, almost immediately, Embury dropped Wessels at first slip off Taylor, Australia may have thought that their luck had changed. But Ellison, coming on at 31 for one, embarked on a spell of bowling which he will always be remembered for.

In his third over he had Wessels caught at the wicket and then, next ball, Holland, the intended nightwatchman, was left before. Thinking better of sending in a second nightwatchman, Border set forth himself to try to inspire a rearguard action.

His partner was Wood, and he would have been pleased to see him still there, having batted already for 70 minutes. But in Ellison's fourth over, trying to play a ball away to the on-side, Wood got a leading edge and was caught off a half-skip in the covers.

Finally, wonder of wonders, Border was bowled off his pads. In 25 minutes Australia had plummeted from 30 for one to 37 for five. Ellison pitched a full length, moved the ball a little, mostly late and in the air, and made the batsmen play.

A good crowd so warmed to this big, shambling, hirsute fellow, a bowler of a traditional English type, that they roared their heads off in his support. If anyone needed reminding that

Englishmen like to win when they play Australia, it was to be heard and seen that they do. Ellison's figures are 5-3-2-4 in this innings and 10 for 79 in the match so far.

Robinson played on to Lawson in the third over of the day. With Gower he had added 331 for the second wicket, the sixth highest partnership ever made for England and their second highest against Australia. It was, of course, an achievement to be immensely proud of, but I am not sure that, against the bowling as it was, it warranted any higher place in the pecking order.

Robinson received 292 balls, batted for six hours 35 minutes and hit 18 fours. He fell in attempting to force Lawson off the back foot. Gower's share of the partnership was 173 and there were 21 extras.

It was gone 3.0 before Border made his first bowling change of the day. By then Lawson and McDermott had bowled 25 overs between them for 96 runs, 39 of these of Lawson and 57 of McDermott. McDermott, though, had the bad luck that was going having Gower dropped off him in successive overs when 208 and 213, the first simple chance to cover point off a full toss, the other a none-too-difficult one to deep square off a long hop.

Gower was throwing the bat by now, as though he had truly said, "His 215 was the third double hundred made for England this year, following those by Gattling and Fowler in Madras, and took him past Denis Compton's 1948 aggregate of 562 runs, until now the English record against Australia in England.

When, eventually, Gower slashed Lawson to cover point, where Border held a two-handed catch above his head, he had batted for over an hour and a half, received 315 balls and hit 25 fours and a six. I hardly think that even Frank Woolley, to many the nonpareil among left-handers, ever stroked the ball more effortlessly through the covers than Gower did here. It is splendid to see him back in such form after a year of finding runs so hard to make.

But if the Australians were glad to see the back of Gower, and relieved that Lamb rather than Botham came in after him, runs were soon coming faster than at any previous time. In the 14 overs for which Gattling and Lamb were together before tea, 82 were scored. Lamb was soon into his stride, and once



The left hand and the right of England: the power of Gower and the batting of Gattling. (Photographs: Chris Cole)

Gattling started to get a full share of the strike, he produced a fine array of powerful strokes.

For obvious reasons Border set purely protective fields, though when Lamb was out, caught at mid-wicket five minutes after tea, and Botham

came in, even that became difficult. There were four balls left of McDermott's third over when Botham appeared, cheered to the echo. The first, straight and on a length, he heaved into the pavilion for six. He failed to score off the

next, but hit the third to where the first had gone, but this time with a stroke of classical purity.

On Sunday he had driven a tenth green at The Belfry Golf Club, a carry of over 280 yards only very rarely achieved. Greg Norman and Severiano Ballesteros, who have done it, would not. I imagine, fancy their chances of despatching McDermott into the far yonder.

Foremost in Border's mind must have been the thought that the longer England were kept at the crease the shorter the time Australia would have to bat before the close of play. In the event, Gower's declaration came just before a quarter past five, as soon as Gattling reached his hundred. It mattered not that Botham had just gone to a fine running catch by Thomson

## Fifth Test scorecard

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R E Foster, b Wessels	18	35	1
R G Lawson, b Wessels	52	100	1
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# Wishful thinking by Europe as they pick Coe and Cram

From Pat Butcher  
Moscow

The lines of communication, nowhere near satisfactory during last weekend's European Cup here, also seem to have gone away in the selection of Steve Cram and Sebastian Coe for the European team to contest the World Cup in Canberra from October 4 to 6. With the innards and runners-up here, the Soviet Union and East Germany respectively going directly into the World Cup men's and women's sections, the team called Europe is selected from the best of the rest.

Yesterday's nominations of Cram for the 1,500 metres and Coe for the 800 metres smack wishful thinking, since both have been saying all summer that their seasons will barely extend beyond the Mobil Grand Prix final in Rome on September 7. Cram reiterated this view here on Saturday when he was sounded out for the European team after easily winning the 1,500.

The other British nomination are the admirably consistent Fatima Whitbread in the women's relays, in the 400 metres, which has been either above or just below the 70-metre mark in almost all her competitions this year. Her 71.90 at her first attempt here was her second best of the season and unsettled all but Petra Felke, the world record holder, who replied with 73.20 and then 72.94 to win.

Miss Whitbread could not argue with that. Nor could anyone argue with her assessment that she and her East German rival "are head and shoulders above the rest at the moment".

Redmond, aged 19, began the season under 40 seconds for 400 metres, but he has broken the 11-second United Kingdom record with 44.82 and he confirmed that form with third place on Saturday.

Redmond has also been asked to do the 400m metres relay in Canberra, as the Kathy Cook and Tony Thompson have been asked to travel, as he did here for Britain, as an all-round reserve for Europe.

John Herbert's breakthrough jump of 17.39 metres to win here on Sunday was not sufficient to win him selection for Canberra over the recent European triple jump record holder with 17.77 metres, Christo Markov, of Bulgaria.

Christina Baker's sprinted run for second in the 1,500 metres would also have won her selection but for Romania's Doina Melnic, the Olympic 800 metres champion, who is in the wings. Romania did not contest the final here but Melnic's Pucis was inevitably, preferred to Zula Budd despite a marvellous display by the young-

## Coe may be fit for Zurich 1,500 metres

Sebastian Coe will decide today whether to run in tomorrow's 1,500 metres at the Weltklasse meeting in Zurich (David Miller writes). He had a sharp fitness test yesterday at the Alpine Swiss national training centre, at Macolin, where he has been receiving treatment for the back injury he suffered in the IAC grand prix on July 2. He has notified the promoter, Andreas Brugge, that he will compete if there is no after-effect from yesterday's run.

"I tried a few changes of pace, with kicks off a rolling start, and some fast bends," Coe said yesterday. "Afterwards, I told Mr Brugge that I would prefer the 1,500 if it did not become a bit of a live issue than an 800."

Coe notified the British Amateur Athletic Board a week and a half before the European Cup final last weekend that he did not think he could possibly be fit for Moscow, so as to give his deputy, Mikeeane, as much time as possible to prepare. Coe is notified to report that he was asked to run in Bern last Thursday, when in fact he was still under treatment. The Berner promoter had asked him if he would like to watch the meeting, but he went to the evening at the cinema with Said Aouita, who is also at the training centre preparing for tomorrow's meeting.

After a long run from training to victory in the 1,500 metres, Coe said yesterday that he was not being detained in Moscow, but he might with several members (some absent) of the British team might do a stretch here, and not in the comparative comfort of the British Embassy.

The embassy staff were having a farewell reception yesterday lunchtime for a British team who have exceeded the expectations of all but a few in the national atmosphere of coaches, go-getters. Dick, the British director of coaching, was being congratulated.

What was less savoury for him than the embassy food - the best he has had in Moscow - was the fact that several of the British had come under duress.

Dick was reserving judgement on a promoter's application for Coe to run in Bern last Friday (the Olympic 1,500 metres champion having withdrawn through injury from here) and on Nat Muir's non-appearance in Zurich (Dick got home last night to more detail).

# LeMond in control as he upstages Hampsten

From John Wilcockson  
Boulder, Colorado

Greg LeMond won the eleventh Coors International Classic which finished with a 61-mile circuit race on Sunday in North Boulder Park. The eleventh and final stage was won by LeMond's Canadian team colleague, Steve Bauer, his third stage win of the race.

Bauer made a brilliant solo attack, 18 miles from the finish to win by more than one minute from Olaf Jenzsch, of East Germany. The sprint for fourth place, just behind last attacker Ron Keitel, was won by the points champion, Davis Phinney, from his team colleague, Alex Sticchi, with LeMond in fourth place.

As with many of the previous 13 stages, the race was controlled by LeMond and his illustrious joint leader, Bernard Hinault.

They gave no chance to Andrew Hampsten, the 23-year-old American, who has been in the place since the race left Nevada just over a week ago.

The women's section almost ended in disaster for the race leader, Jennifer Longo, of France, who had a puncture 15 miles from the finish of the final stage and arrived almost two minutes behind the stage winner, Inga Thompson, of the United States. Hampsten Longo had enough advantage from her previous stages to win the race overall, three minutes ahead of Thompson.

Thompson was the final stage by breaking clear with the aid of this race, Madonna Harris.

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## FOOTBALL: TEAM NEWS FOR TONIGHT'S MATCHES

## West Bromwich call on Armstrong to face the League champions

Gerry Armstrong will make his debut for West Bromwich Albion in tonight's game against the League champions Everton at Goodison Park. The Northern Ireland international forward, who joined Albion last week on a free transfer from Real Mallorca, will replace Crooks, who damaged ankle ligaments in a pre-match Oxford United on Saturday.

Albion will also be without their midfield player, Grealish, who is likely to be out for a month with a dislocated shoulder. Albion's manager, Johnny Giles, will include Hunt in tonight's squad. Everton, shaken by Saturday's defeat at Leicester, must wait on late fitness tests to Reid, Sharp and Nounfield.

Strachan returns to Manchester United's team for the match at Ipswich. The Scottish international takes over from Moses, who damaged his ankle in United's 4-0 win over Aston Villa on Saturday. This means there is no place for Duxbury, who came on as substitute for Moses just before half-time.

Ipswich have an injury doubt about their full back, Putney. Putney, had five stitches inserted in a head wound during Saturday's 1-0 defeat at Queen's Park Rangers and the club



Armstrong: free transfer

doctor will decide today whether he can play. If he is ruled out, McCall will drop back with Dozzell coming into midfield.

Hibbitt, who hopes to be the new Wolverhampton Wanderers manager, is expected to start in midfield for Coventry City at Chelsea. Hibbitt, who was a Wolves player for 14 years before joining Coventry last season, came on as substitute on Saturday against Man-

chester City for the last 15 minutes.

Brighton are without five injured players for the visit to Barnsley. Brighton's manager, Chris Caudin, selects from 14 - his 11 remaining fit professionals plus two players on loan and Edwards, a 16-year-old apprentice defender. O'Keefe is expected to replace Hutchings, who will be out for at least six weeks with a broken left arm.

Sunderland are expected to make at least one change for their visit to Portsmouth. Daniel, their experienced midfielder, is added to the squad and Hodgson, substitute in Saturday's 2-0 home defeat by Blackburn, is in line for a recall. Chisholm is still recovering from tonsillitis. Portsmouth will have Dillon and Wood available again after suspension.

Pat Jennings makes his comeback for Tottenham Hotspur today, eight years after the club sold him. The 40-year-old Northern Ireland goalkeeper has agreed to return to White Hart Lane on a non-contract basis to cover for Clemence. His first game in England, Reading in the Football Combination this afternoon. Clemence's understudy, Parks, has been ruled out for at least a month by an ankle injury.

## European clubs try O'Callaghan to buy success to see specialist

Can Real Madrid, after spending a fortune on three new players, effectively challenge Barcelona for this season's Spanish championship, which starts on September 1? Can Juventus, in the Italian championship which begins a week later, regain the title from Verona and keep the European Cup after parting with Boniek, Rensil and Tardelli? Will Paris Saint-Germain, under the new management of the remarkable Gerard Houllier, keep up the cracking pace they have set in the French championship, fend off the title holders Bordeaux, whom they have already beaten, and attain the consistency which has escaped them for years? These are among the more interesting questions posed by the new European season.

Under the presidency of the recently elected Ramon Mendoza, Real Madrid have clearly been determined to spend their way back to success. Despite their colossal debt of 1,498 million pesetas - the best part of £7 million they have bought Hugo Sanchez from Atletico Madrid, Rafael Gordillo from Betis Sevilla, and Antonio Maceda from Sporting Gijon.

Sanchez, the Mexican dentist, leading scorer in the Spanish league last season, a probable star of the new World Cup, was priced at 1,000 million pesetas, a sum which was paid in instalments. He is expected to be a key player for Real, and now he would triumph. Real allegedly wanted Luis, Atletico's manager, but could not get him. However, he has surprisingly, he has stuck to his original plan, and former inside-right, Luis Molowny, who transferred when he took over from Amancio last season and was then the UEFA Cup. Usually, after such transfers, he is expected to be a key player for Real, and now he would triumph.

Gordillo, the driving left-sided midfielder from Betis, has been just about to join Real for years. He is the big, blond copper who likes to combine speed with goals for Spain. Not everyone is so pleased by Mendoza's spendthrift policy. Critics are already saying he does not have the touch or the style of his predecessor, Santiago Bernabeu. Atletico, meanwhile, are to pay



Brian Glanville

£25,000 for Flamengo's Argentine keeper, Ubaldo Fillol.

In Italy, Internazionale, of Milan, are favourites for the League. They have managed to lure away Falcão, the winger, and Marangoni, the defender, who helped Verona win last season's League, and they have bought the dynamic Tardelli from Juventus, who are bound to miss him. Verona recently lost 4-1 to Kaiserslautern, and had their Danish striker, Elkjaer, sent off.

Juventus have acquired two players from Lazio, the Roman club relegated to Serie B. Manfredonia, a central defender - turned midfielder - and Vito, a forward, have been bought. Juventus, who are bound to miss him. Verona recently lost 4-1 to Kaiserslautern, and had their Danish striker, Elkjaer, sent off.

Real Madrid is Football Correspondent of The Sunday Times.

## OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

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## FIXTURES AND FORECASTS

1. Arsenal v Man Utd  
2. Aston Villa v Liverpool  
3. Chelsea v Birmingham  
4. Everton v Coventry  
5. Ipswich v Tottenham  
6. Man City v Sheffield W  
7. Newcastle v Liverpool  
8. Nottm Forest v Tottenham  
9. Oxford v Leicester  
10. Watford v Villa

SECOND DIVISION

1. Barnsley v Sheffield  
2. Blackpool v Shrewsbury  
3. Bolton v Reading  
4. Bradford v Gillingham  
5. Burnley v Luton  
6. Carlisle v Nottm Forest  
7. Colchester v Exeter  
8. Crewe v Nottm Forest  
9. Doncaster v Nottm Forest  
10. Grimsby v Nottm Forest

THIRD DIVISION

1. Accrington v Nottm Forest  
2. Aldershot v Nottm Forest  
3. Boreham Wood v Nottm Forest  
4. Cambridge v Nottm Forest  
5. Chesham v Nottm Forest  
6. Dagenham v Nottm Forest  
7. Ebbsfleet v Nottm Forest  
8. Enfield v Nottm Forest  
9. Farnham v Nottm Forest  
10. Havant v Nottm Forest

FOURTH DIVISION

1. Alton v Nottm Forest  
2. Basingstoke v Nottm Forest  
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RUGBY LEAGUE

Gerard in legal battle to stay put

By Keith Macklin

The Rugby League may soon face legal action from its Australian international forward, Geoff Gerard, following the decision by the League that he cannot take up a contract to play for Hull this season.

Gerard is one of several Australian and New Zealand victims of the management committee's decision that a maximum number of five overseas players be allowed per club this season. Hull already had five overseas players in their books when they signed a contract with Gerard, as a result of which the club was forced to give up his job and house in Sydney. Gerard will this week consult his solicitors in Sydney to decide on legal action.

The Hull secretary, Michael Dooley said yesterday: "We were under the firm impression when we contracted Gerard that the League's rulings would not be retrospective and would apply to signings this season. Other New Zealanders, An Kwei, Leuluai, Kemble and O'Hara have homes, wives, jobs and children here, and there are possibilities that some of them will settle in this country."

"In addition, Dunc O'Hara has dual nationality because his father was British, and for this reason he does not need a work permit to stay in this country. We have signed a contract with Gerard and we are legally bound to honour it, yet he cannot play for us under the existing regulations."

The Hull colony of New Zealanders are expected to issue a joint statement this week outlining their case for exemption from the regulations. They point out that the five-player maximum, which will be reduced to four next season and three the following season, could drive them back to New Zealand where the game is amateur.

TENNIS

McEnroe succeeds

Montreal (Reuters) - John McEnroe, the No 1 seed, took advantage of three double-faults by Ivan Lendl in the eighth game of the second set to beat the second-seeded Czechoslovakian 5-3, 6-3, in the final of the Canadian men's championships here on Sunday night.

It was the second time in two weeks that McEnroe has defeated Lendl in straight sets for a tournament victory. In their past 24 matches, McEnroe had been the aggressor, charging on nearly every second serve of Lendl's. But in this match, Lendl did not permit such a tactic. He attacked the net on his own second serve.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

First Division

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